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Mike,

I admire your desire to use natural materials in your fly tying. I have just started using the craft foam in tying terrestrials and have really been able to pump out a lot more flies in a much shorter time period. It probably would have taken me two weeks to tie that dozen deer head cicadas that you tied. Spinning deer hair was never my strong suit. They always make it look so easy on those videos. As far as synthetic materials go, it doesn't get much more synthetic then the cicada pattern I am tying (craft foam, Antron yarn, Krystal flash and centipede legs). I am going to tie some up on size 8 2XL dry fly hooks. I have tied all of mine so far on size 10 2xl's but the whole wider hook gap argument makes a lot of sense. Good luck, I hope you get into them !