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Launce,

Kits can be hit or miss, and almost always have lousy hackle. I think they can be good for beginners that need tools because you can get by with most of the tools. I still use a kit hair stacker that is about 15 years old. But trying to learn to tie with bad material puts you at a disadvantage. Fortunately, most material is pretty inexpensive if you stay away from hackle, and there are a lot of no hackle patterns that fish as well if not better. For example, the elk hair caddis is a great suggestion, but a pack of cdc and a patch of elk hair will cost less than \$10 and allow you to tie a lot of cdc and elk caddis. Throw in a \$3 pack of rabbit dubbing and you can tie the mouse caddis (look for Davy McPhail's youtube video, he uses mink, but rabbit works and it is a killer pattern).

That's my general opinion. The kit you are looking at looks like it has a nice variety and the included patterns look like they would be useful. So I guess you could do worse if you decide to go that route.

Mike.