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I used to use a vest and "take a whole fly shop with me" and then some, but I eventually got smart and bought a chest/waist pack. I got the Arroyo by Fishpond.

In it I usually have one or sometimes two small fly boxes(as well as the "fly desk/patch" thing), stuff like split shot, floatant, and bobbers, and some leaders and other small odds and ends that can fit. On the outside I have nippers, forceps, and tippet spools.

Then I also have the pocket thing on my waders which I use for my phone, camera, keys, etc. and a stray indicator or whatever else I throw in there. Whenever I wet wade though it can be tough cramming everything in the pack, and sometimes I even bring a smaller pack(Fishpond San Juan I think it's called?) with me to put the camera and other stuff in.

Recently though I've been thinking of getting a bigger pack, like the Simms Pro Waist Pack or the Fishpond Waterdance Guide Pack. Checked them both out at a shop and liked them. Big enough to carry extra stuff like snacks, a water bottle, extra fly box, etc. but not crazy big.

Wow, I guess I'm not really packing minimally, but compared to using a vest with EVERYTHING in it I am lol.