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I had a wapsi standard kit. Bought it off the swap forum. Unfortunately it was incomplete, so that kinda sucked. I agree that the vice is usable but not great. I often have trouble with hooks slipping. I think the wapsi deluxe kit would be a good starter kit. The standard kit was a little too basic (even if mine had been complete).

But honestly if I were going to do it again I think I would just get all the kit components separately. It will be a bit pricier, but you'll get better quality materials - some of the materials in my wapsi kit were kind of crappy. You can model what materials you buy on the materials in a kit, so you don't have to figure it all out yourself.

I haven't looked at other kits - it's possible that kits from Cabela's or someplace else would have better materials in them than the wapsi kit did.

Also I agree with the previous comment about the whip finishing tool. They're really handy. Also make sure you get some fine tipped tweezers. Also a bobbin threader is nice.

I like bearsden.com for materials, but any online fly shop will have the materials you need. Bearsden also has some introductory vices for cheap. Oh and also go to Allen fly fishing for cheap hooks.