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So, I was talking with my future father in law recently about tying flies with deer hair. He's an avid hunter, so offered to give me a hide (or a piece of one) this season if I wanted it.

I thought about it, but I have no idea how to process a deer hide! I can probably find instructions to tan it, but then I'd probably want to dye some too.

He also offered to give me a buck tail if I wanted it. That I really wouldn't know what to do with. You can't just tan a bucktail, right? I'm sure there's a process for preserving it. Also for dying it.

Has anybody here attempted this before? I'd love to get some thoughts or tips.