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Ok so I've been tying flies for a couple months now, and I've only tied a few dries. My problem is that I don't want to buy any hackle yet. It's really expensive! I thought about just getting a grizzly hackle and doing what I can with it, but I know I'll end up spending too much money, so until I start my new job in late August I'd like to do without.

So I'm looking for dry fly patterns that don't include hackle. I'm aware of comparaduns, foam beetles, and have tied a few basic ones.

I have a tuft of CDC that I'd like to use for dry flies too. Just not sure what patterns to include it in. I may try that CDC trico comparadun pattern that was posted in another thread.

And tips/suggestions would be great. I'd especially like to tie a dry ant pattern that actually floats. I was thinking foam and deer hair for extra float, but couldn't find a pattern like that, and couldn't seem to make it work.