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Well first off - you don't need to spend a lot of money to get decent hackle. I've always bought #3 grade necks - and they work fine. Although they're price is up to around \$40 now. Perhaps you could split one with a fly tying friend - or even buy a half neck.

Keep your eyes open too for used necks.

I got a great deal on four necks from a paflyfish member last summer - thanks again fox gap!

And if you want to get really cheap - you could probably still buy indian necks. I used a few when I first started tying - and the flies floated OK

As for flies without hackle, you pretty much answered your own question - comparaduns. I'm not crazy about them - but many other forum members swear by them. You can also tie traditional patterns without hackle, and still keep them riding on top if you use a good floatant. I always have a few hackle less sulphurs for use on really picky fish.

I also never put hackle on my spinner patterns - just a tail, dubbed body, and poly or antron wings

You can also tie caddis patterns with just a dubbed body and deer hair on top for the wing.

I like deer hair ants and beetles (crowe). And they do float pretty well with a good floatant