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Excellent advice on this thread already. Get the book **Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout** (<http://www.amazon.com/books/dp/0881506729>) This book breaks down the river tactics and how to use the streamers.

You have to toss big streamers along the bank when the flows are just screaming, but continue to fish them as the flows come down, but the water remains stained. The ideal times to fish big streamers in high water is different for every stream. It will take you some time to dial it in, but one you do...you'll be praying for rain all of the time.

You will have to find color patterns that work well for your stream. Across the board, darker colors do work better, but I have had days where they were only turning on white or gold.

Large articulated streamers require some practice casting. Get them out in the yard and get comfortable moving them. They are heavy and you want to be comfortable loading the rod. You also won't want an undersized rod for these. You can destroy a light weight rod casting large streamers (esp if you are uncomfortable with the casting stroke).

Also, don't corner yourself into on method of using the streamer. Cast them upstream and strip them down as fast as you can. Don't hesitate to swing them occasionally. Be sure to cast them across and strip them and also cast them down stream and strip them up.

Again, every stream is different. You may find that one method works in the warm months and another method works in the cool months. I have one stream where the browns only hammer it on the strip down stream in late Spring through early Fall, and then, they move to the tailouts and only hit stuff on the swing during the cool months.

All of this is in stained water. It takes time. Be careful and fish water that you know the stream features. Don't get frustrated. Get out there and do it. When you nail a 25" brown on a big streamer in the stained flows, you'll completely understand and become addicted.