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I will add to the convo. I like rubber legs for all my nymphs. Mainly generic hares ears, prince nymphs and stoneflies. Eggs are always good. Orange usually rocks, but ive done well on the paler colors like cream and peach. I usually dont start spazzing out about patterns unless somebody is smashing them just above or below me. I have friends that do well on gaudy streamers.

I usually go with a heavier gauge hook. I have a fly box thats dedicated to steelhead flies. I usually tie everything on mustad signature hooks, but for chrome I go with the higher end brands like daichii/TMC. Ive brought them in on 18-20 scud hooks, and the hook never straightened. You also have to keep in mind that if you are fishing a size 18 hook, that you are pairing it with 5x tippet. The water does get low and clear up there at times. Those can be the times that try men's souls, but its also a time for fly guys to flourish--you can go smaller, lighter, and more natural than your spin counterpart.