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Typically as fly fishermen beginners tend to error by not having enough weight. That is, if we're talking about bigger water. On small streams it's all about getting in the right currents.

With an indicator, you constantly have to adjust weight and depth. Without an indicator, there's still weight adjustments, but lesser.

One thing that took me a long ways. When I started, I was looking for indications that I was ticking bottom. Either feeling it (without indicator), or watching that indicator bump around. But that's hard to do.

What is a lot easier is to observe the current. And your indicator and/or line should be moving SLOWER than the current. Remember the current on the bottom is a lot slower than that at the surface. And if you're down there in the slower bottom water, rolling around in the rocks, that's what you want. The fly has to hold your line back.

There's also a lot here as far as keeping your line off the water to prevent drag (i.e. the current grabbing your line and pulling fly downstream too fast).