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Re: Getting it to the bottom ....

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I fish an indicator two ways and it really depends on water conditions and how much shot I can use, still cast properly and not spook fish when the rig hits the water, running an indicator 1 1/2-2 times the water depth works, using enough shot to get your flies to the bottom but still allowing them to drift freely with the current of the bottom the creek. This allows your indicator to ride freely on top of the water and not play effect on your flies below are moving (as long as your mending correctly) Another method I use, mainly for steelheading is I will stagger my shot all the way from 3 inches below my indicator down the leader to just above the flies. I use this method a lot fishing for steel, basically I will run my indicator at the exact depth or just a bit under the depth of the water im fishing, I will run shot staggered throughout the entire rig allowing me to get a vertical drift (kind of like the pinners do). Once you are familiar with the water that your fishing, running a perfect vertical rig in the water by using all that shot can be deadly. Again, they both have their time and place and take a lot of monkeying around to get it down to a science. Lots of guys look at my indi rigs and think im fishing to shallow but what they don't realize is the shot placement allows my flies to flow vertical under the float at the perfect desired fishing depth, also seems to help pick up strikes quicker. Steelhead love to grab a fly and spit it if it feels unnatural, fishing a long distance between your indy and flies can sometimes result in missed takes.