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even when using beads, i usually put some wire on the hook as well - fits nicely into the bead and keeps it in place while tying....plus you can really play with the LOCATION of the weight with the wire. So you have one more variable to play with:

1. Weight on or off the fly
2. If on the fly, how much weight on the fly (bead, wire, bead and wire, how much wire, etc)
3. if wire, where to place - towards the head? abdomen? tail?

The location of the weight influences how the fly will react when sinking, drifting, and when given drag or action from the line. I typically put the wraps of lead towards the eye of the hook for nymphs (creates almost a jigging action with the head diving up and down) and in the middle of the shank for streamers (I want them to swim evenly - just deeper).

Overall - i prefer weighted flies. I only use shots when i don't have a fly heavy enough with me.