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Years ago I was taught to nymph by my S Platte guide. Charlie Craven of fly tying fame. The same rig is in Dave Hughes Nymphing book. (Excellent book for beginners)

This is as simple and effective as it gets. Use a std 7.5 ft 3X tapered leader. Triple sudeon loop a 9 inch pc of 4x and tie fly #1 here. Attach a second 9 inch pc of 4X to the bend of fly #1 and attach Fly # 2 to the other end. Place 2 bb size sinkers at the knot where the 3X and 4X are Joined. You now have a 9 ft leader.

Place your indicator about 1 1/2 the depth of water you are fishing, up the leader from the sinkers. Typical nymphing water is about 3 ft so start about 4 1/2 ft from sinkers. If you are not seeing you indicator twitch as you tick bottom, add another sinker or move indicator up the leader. Conversely if you are hanging up to much remove one sinker or move indicator down the line.

Try to keep all line above the indicator out of the water. You line should have a little "J" where it meets the indicator.

Good luck.

If fly's start to hatch remove sinkers, and tie on a new 1 1/2 ft piece of 4x and a dry fly and you are in business. Tippet rings are an excellent modification of this rig and makes switching over much easier. It also saves your tapered leaders.