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As a self taught FFer who learned from magazines and books from the library I too was also able to enjoy the trial and error stage. I do tell new fly fishermen a couple basic pointers I regard as important:

- Learn to tie a couple knots, including the blood knot, effectively. This will save time on the water as every beginner gets tangled up a lot and it's easier to cut and re-tie than try to untangle a bird's nest.

-Practice casting in the backyard. This is fun and easy and pays off on the water.

-Don't associate FFing exclusively with trout. Too many new FFers start out chasing trout only. If you're a newbie fishing Slate Run or Falling Springs you might have some luck but odds are tough. Bass and sunfish are often much easier to catch and closer to home. I'm still amazed at the FFers who live near ponds and warm water rivers who spend all year looking forward to the few trout trips they have time for and can afford. If you don't live around trout, fly fish for something else!