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Topic: : cheap flies?

Re: cheap flies?

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Quote:

Padraic wrote:

IMHO, it is a lot cheaper to buy flies than to tie your own, what with all the unused materials I have stacked and boxed and lost around my flytying bench.

I'm going to have to disagree with this statement for a couple of reasons.

First...I'm a cheapskate...I don't buy #1 necks...I don't buy anything unless I need it. ...I don't spend over \$150 dollars a year on material...I probably spend a whole lot less on most years. I easily tie more than 150 flies in the same amount of time. I got a good deal on my vice..( \$40 ) I still hve my first whip finisher, bodkin, bobbin (although I have 3 more than when I started I didn't pay more than \$5 for any of them)...point is, again, I'm a cheapskate.

Second...Gander mtn and orvis are the only 2 shops within 20 miles of me. Even at .99 per fly...IF they have the flies I want, I have to drive to get them...only the orvis shop (20 miles) is on the way to any fishing destination so the additional drive is costing me money.

Lastly (for now)...with the materials I have accumulated, I could, most likely, tie up anything that I need thats already in any of my boxes.

When I do buy materials...I usually don't leave the shop having spent more than \$20...If I do its because someone gave me some money for a birthday or something.

I could go on...but I think I spend less than I would if I bought flies...If I get one stuck in a tree (unless its right there) I don't even bother...If I had paid a buck for that fly...I might have to do the tip-toe-reach dance more often which takes time and spooks fish.