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Re: How Long?

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afishinado wrote:

I've been tying for a long time and I don't tie much faster than Jack, at best maybe 3-4 minutes / fly on the simple patterns and twice that or more on complex flies. It really doesn't matter since I am not tying for a living. I would be interested in how long it takes for Festus or Sandfly to tie a fly, since they tie commercially.

Tying for a living is tough to make a living at. Its nice extra money here and there though. Working or owning a fly shop and tying to fill the bins is a little different than independently tying for your self. Speed obviously first depends on the pattern. I tie salt water flies commercially. There is one particular pattern that I can tie in 50 seconds or sometimes less depending on how much coffee I drank (the shop manager timed me a few times). Others take a little longer 2-3 minutes depending on the materials required. That tying with all the materials laid out ahead of time, feathers matched up, hooks set out, material cut etc... Organization is key to speed but honestly unless your filling an order... who cares just enjoy it!