

## **Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited Beginning Fly Tying Course Tools and Materials Needed for the Course**

All materials needed for the beginning fly tying course are provided in class, but students must provide the tools and thread. The essential tools for fly tying are:

1. A fly tying vise
2. A pair of small scissors
3. A thread Bobbin
4. A fly-tying bodkin
5. A pair of hackle pliers
6. A hair stacker
7. A whip finisher tool (although finishing knots can be tied by hand)

The above tools can be purchased individually, but they are also available as relatively inexpensive kits suitable for beginning fly tyers. For example:

<https://www.cabelas.com/shop/en/white-river-fly-shop-standard-fly-tying-tool-kit>

or

<https://www.amazon.com/Fly-Tying-Standard-Tool-Kit/dp/B071V992NK>

We encourage you to shop local sources for fly-tying tools and materials. Recommended local sources for beginning tools and materials are:

Musky Fool Fly Fishing, 105 E Main St., Waunakee,  
<https://muskyfool.com/>

D&S Bait, Tackle & Fly Shop, 1411 Northport Dr., Madison,  
<https://www.facebook.com/dsbaitandtackle/>

Dorn Outdoor Pro Shop, 1346 S Midvale Blvd Madison,  
<https://www.facebook.com/DornOutdoorProShop/>

A few consumable supplies are also needed for the course, but only the thread is absolutely essential. The items are:

1. Thread: 6/0 fly tying thread in black, gray, and olive.
2. Dubbing wax (helpful but not essential)
3. Head cement (helpful but not essential)

All hooks and materials needed in class are provided, but you may wish to accumulate an inventory of supplies for tying additional flies. For a list of "core" materials sufficient for tying many trout flies, see: [http://www.swtu.org/pdfs/fly\\_tying/Beginning-Materials-List.pdf](http://www.swtu.org/pdfs/fly_tying/Beginning-Materials-List.pdf)