

Tying On a Dropper Fly

From our friends at Troutbitten:

When considering adding a dropper fly, I've tried the following:

1. adding a separate dropper loop off the point Fly tippet (more tangles , and problems when changing dropper)
2. tying onto a tag end of a surgeon's or clinch knot (good for one fly only, plus tangles)
3. tying onto the bend of the point Fly (can slip off if barb of point fly is pinched, probably affects action of point fly)
4. tying onto the eye of the point Fly (best solution I've tried but darn hard to thread two tippet sections through one eye in very small size flies).

Now, Troutbitten suggests simply:

1. tying the dropper on by using a Double Davy Knot to attach the dropper tippet above the point Fly.
2. sliding it down to where it butts against the point Fly.
3. tying the dropper on a foot or so below the point Fly.

I haven't tried this yet, and I'm not proficient in tying the Davy Knot, but this sounds like a neat method.

I'm probably not explaining this well, so checkout the article on Troutbitten's site.