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Doing just a couple of quick reviews this month been focusing on getting ready to go fishing and fishing. I hope you are doing the same.

I am reviewing two Video tapes this month.

The first review is a 90 minute tape by **Jack Dennis called Fly Tying Basics**. I would note that this tape was done in 1987 and obviously changes have happened since then but much of what was true then is true now.

The name is somewhat of a red herring in that this is not completely a beginners tying video. Much of the video is focused on beginning tyer's and what they need for equipment but it does skirt the edges of more accomplished tyers. Jack starts off describing the basic tools you would need including a basic vice, bobbin, whip finishing tool and hackle pliers. As optional tools he identifies the Bodkin, tweezers, hackle pliers and a hair stacker. Now I would say that most of us would consider the bodkin a basic tool and the whip finisher an optional tool but overall he does a good job of talking about different vices and scissors etc. He then moves on to a brief talk about some of the types of materials that are used in tying and then he ties a number of basic flies including some streamer, nymphs, dry flies and even touches on deer hair flies. In a short period of time he covers a number of techniques and provides good information to the beginner. Near the end he does tie a deer hair fly and also ties a parachute fly which as I said before is not what you think of as a

beginner fly. Not a bad video but I think he tries to get a little too much into one video and therefore some information is not well presented.

The second review is a 60 minute video tape called **Hooked on Fly Tying – Sand Eels and Silversides with Page Rogers**. I really enjoyed this tape for two basic reasons. The flies tied overall were fairly simple flies and the instruction was succinct and easy to follow. Page, a commercial tyer, Ties up 7 patterns Tabory's Mono eel, A. J.'s Sand Eel, Garside's Sand Eel, Roger's Sand Eel and Roger's Slim Jim. She follows those up with the Bonito Bunny Fly and Roger's Big Eye Baitfish Silversides. Although you would certainly want some Clouser's and Deceivers if you were going salt water fishing in these parts the flies tied would be a good supplement to those flies as well. This tape is part of a series of tapes produced by Jim & Kelley Watt which I have overall found to be pretty well done and worth the watch.

Hope find these reviews useful and I hope the library material provides you fill in information between your fishing trips.

Tight Lines
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