

My name is LeVern "VERN-O" Burm and I've been fly fishing for 15+ years, and the fly tying part soon followed. Living in the upstate NY area my entire life has allowed me to fish the Finger Lakes, Great Lakes, Catskills, Adirondacks, and all the waterways in between. Fly tying soon developed from a hobby, to a passion, and then eventually into a side business. I quickly learned it's tough to turn your passion into a money making venture in which to raise a family on. I have been tying commercially for five years and cranking the flies out on an HMH. My love of tying comes from a science and artistic background. It has taken me many years to fully understand what happens when I sit down behind the vise. What I produce at the vise is an extension of what drives me from inside. I put my heart and creativity into the vise. The whole aspect of knowing a fly you created and tied helped someone have a tremendous fly fishing experience is something I take to heart. . Too often we forget why we fly fish. It's to bring back fond memories and create everlasting new ones through nature and friends. Success at fly tying starts by clamping that hook into a vise, and that vise for me is HMH. When shopping for a vise, I wanted versatility, durability, and the most bang for my buck. HMH met each one of my criteria. Being able to switch from tying tube flies to a size 24 midge in less than two minutes is hard to find in any vise, but my HMH makes it happen. I have a fond appreciation for the history of flies, thus drawing me to enjoy tying traditional soft hackles and flymphs. My love of Great Lakes steelheading has evolved from the old chuck and duck style nymphing into the realm of swinging spey flies with two handed rods. That rod wobbling tug as a steelhead takes your fly on the swing is the pinnacle of why we steelhead. I am not limited to just these fly tying styles and often find myself dabbling in dry flies and the occasional salt water pattern. I look forward to sharing my drive in life through HMH vises.