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Pedestal Base

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I tie with a Peak Fly Tying vise and the new pedestal base, with the two extra 3/8" holes drilled in the base can give you a lot of options. You buy just the pedestal base for about \$40.00 or just drill 3/8" holes in your current base.

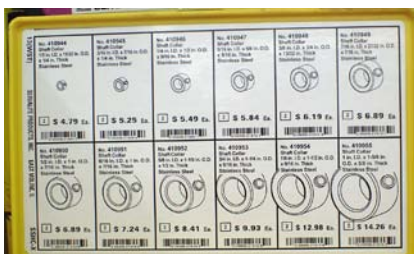


Then go you Ace Hardware Store and buy either a 3/8" Stainless Steel 12" rod for \$7.29 or a 3/8" Zinc Steel 36" rod for \$7.99.



The advantage of the 36" rod is that you can cut different size for other options.

While you are there at the hardware store, pickup a couple of 3/8" shaft collars and 1 - 1 1/2" washers with 3/8" hole and 1 - 1 1/2" washer with less than 3/8" hole.



We are going to epoxy the 2 - 1 1/2" washers to the 3/8" collar. This will become the base for the Image light or any other portable light that you can direct the light on to the fly you are tying. Light is always an issue when you are tying away from home.



I purchase my light from Howard Hawkins who makes a wooden base for the light which works great if you do not have this option.

After the epoxy has set up, you now can attach it to your 3/8" rod. If you are cutting the 36" 3/8" rod I would suggest you cut it 10 1/2" to 12". Measure it to your vise.



Drill a hole in the top of the rod to fit the wire of a parachute hanger. Then when you need it, remove the light and add the hanger



Cut a 3 inch pin out the extra 3/8" rod and attach a waste basket and a hackle gauge.

You say, this is great Dennis but I do not have a Peak Pedestal Base and am not planning to buy one. That is not a problem. Do you have an old pedestal base or at vise clamp that you are not using?



Your 3/8" rod will fit perfectly.

I can say I have a lot of other ideas because the Pedestal base is metal. Epoxy magnetic strips to the bottom of your glue jar and it will stick to the pedestal base and not turn over is just one of them but I am running out of writing room, so I will say thanks for reading- Dennis

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