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Welcome to the board and to fly fishing!

The cracking happens easier with no fly or yarn, but it's indicative of an early forward cast.

My recommendation is to make sure the line, leader, and tippet is completely straightened behind you before doing your forward cast, and vice versa. When you begin the forward cast before the fly has reached the end of the backcast, it works like cracking a whip. You're going to shred your flies.

I throw bad loops now and then. Usually, all I do is start watching my backcast until I get the timing right. I also tell myself to slow down. You are not casting with your arm, you're casting with the rod. It doesn't need nearly as much "punch" to do its thing, and rushing or overpowering the process will actually cost you distance.

Imagine, for a second that you're watching yourself cast from a few feet upstream. When you begin your forward cast, the aerialized line and leader should resemble "right", not "wrong" in the pictures below. "wrong" creates the whip crack.

(oops, I forgot that calling stuff "wrong" around here hurts feelings... 😊)

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