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Re: How long of a leader?

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I usually buy a 9ft. 5x leader and I will fish it with no tippet until it slowly gets shorter from changing flies and breaking off. Once it gets shorter than about 8ft. I will cut it to about 7ft. and tie a small loop on the end. At this point it is effectively a 7ft. 4x leader with a loop.

From this loop I can easily tie any where from 2-4 ft. of tippet from 4x to 6x in the time it takes me to make a few casts.

I like to nymph with about 9ft. at the most and cast dries with about 10-11 ft. So typically I just tie either 2 or 4 ft. of tippet onto my loop depending on whether I'm casting dries or nymphing. And if I have a break it is below the loop. I find a leader can sometimes last almost all season.

Note: I dislike flourocarbon, it breaks easier than mono, just an oppinion, but it is my oppinion. I can hook a log and yank hard 5 times and not break 5x mono but for some reason just setting the hook on a decent fish breaks my 5x flourocarbon.

Or I just buy a 7.5 4x and put a loop on it. Either way I think you are using too much length and too light a tippet for your casting style or situation. I rarely use more than 10-11ft. But I fish a lot of smaller streams.