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>>Call me crazy, but I genuinely enjoy tying blood knots. Once you train your hands to use four points of contact to hold everything in place, they're pretty easy.>>

I don't doubt it.. It's all pretty much a matter of what we decide to take the time to learn. I never took the time to learn a blood knot because i learned the surgeon's and i can do that blindfolded.

Of course, I also never learned to whip finish a fly either. Been finishing them with half hitches since 1964. A few come undone, but not many.

When I worked at the Orvis shop in Tionesta (which I guess is defunct now..), Humphreys would come up twice a year to run weekend-long classes for like 15 newbies at a time. We'd do classroom stuff in the basement of the store and then all thunder off to Miller Farm on Oil Creek to flail away or if Oil was high, to the DH on East Hickory. Somewhere Joe could stand in one riffle, pound fish and dazzle everybody, anyway. And then we'd separate and each take a part of the class up or down the creek and they'd fish under our supervision. We (well, not me) taught them the blood knot during the "classroom" time and once we got on the creek, they'd all be going bat---t trying to add new tippetts with a blood knot. So, I'd teach them the surgeons and they'd say; "Jeez, why didn't they show us this at the store. It's easy!"

Used to get in quite a bit of trouble for doing that...