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Re: Third time out...more questions.

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mgh-pa wrote:

Thanks for the help guys. The leaders I have now are a few I purchased a while back from the flystop. They're all 7.5 or 9ft leaders, but I never tie any additional tippet on. So if I have a 7.5ft leader and a 9ft leader, do I tie any of my tippet material to it to additional length? I know I could tell a difference in casting from a trimmed down leader to a brand new 9ft leader (my cast was worse).

I really just need to keep practicing casting I suppose. Watching videos online makes it look a lot easier than it is.

If you buy a 9' 5x leader, for example, the tippet (end) tapers down to 5x. After you use it for a while, you shorten it by snipping off the end when changing flies. The tippet end has an increasing larger diameter the shorter it becomes. When you shorten the leader say 12 - 18", tie on a new tippet of 18 - 24" or so. In this case use 5x. The double or triple surgeons knot is probably the easiest knot to tie:

[http://www.animatedknots.com/surgeons ... age=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=](http://www.animatedknots.com/surgeons...age=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=)

Tying on a tippet to your leaders will make them last a long time and assure your tippet is of the diameter you need to turn over your flies.