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Re: Thinking of building a few leaders...

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First, they're not stupid beginner questions, pretty advanced questions actually, as evidenced by the arguments the experienced guys are having about it. There is no "right" way, and there's lots of perfectly solid opinions out there on how to go about this.

You would start with something like that only if you wanted to be exactly like me, and that's a dangerous place to be, lol.

And I keep forgetting that you want to furl, your 8 lb comment threw me because I use more like 40 lb test as my thickest piece on the butt end, unfurled, a single strand. So, sorry about that again, furling is a different ball game, and I defer to Afish on the taper and size of material, he's the resident furling leader expert. Several pieces of 8 lb furling may be very comparable to 1 piece of 40 lb. I don't know whether the stiff material like Maxima, or a softer material would be preferable, again I defer to Afish.

The "to furl or not to furl" question should only affect the butt end, though. Same idea still applies for the tippet end. I personally prefer soft materials. In my UNFURLED leaders, I use formulas found in books but they're roughly 1/3 butt, 1/3 taper, and 1/3 tippet. I go straight from Maxima to Rio somewhere near the middle of the taper section. YMMV.