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I used to do like Pat does, but went to the loops. It's easier to change out leaders from streamer, to nymph, to dry. I feel that's a whole lot easier than building a leader streamside when conditions change or you want to toss a different fly. Plus you can tie some tiny perfection loops and they're almost undetectable.

Take fly line and nail not a section of 50lb test, put a perfection loop on the end of that. Then tie on your leaders from there.

You should never go more than 2-3 feet deep on a 9 foot tapered leader. Just replace with tippet. I think a lot of "rookies" make the mistake of just using up leaders instead of replacing with tippet. Learn to blood knot, and carry plenty of tippet in all sizes to replace when necessary. Also do as many repairs to your leader as possible at home.

You do this and you'll have more time fishing and less time tying knots.