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I've used a furlled leader for the last two years and like it quite a bit. I tie my own leaders for special circumstances (Gary Lafontaine has a killer dry fly formula that stacks the tippet), but for general purpose, the furlled leader rolls over nicely and can be tapered with tippet from 4x to 6x in the usual manner.

I agree, that you really don't want a bad wind knot. If you get one, just wait until you're home to try and fix it. The other "problem" is that if you absolutely have to pull on the leader to release a snag, the furlled leader comes back at you with some velocity and in a heck of a bird's nest. Fortunately, it just takes a minute or so of smoothing before it's back in shape.

I haven't noticed any splashing or pick up problems. I would say, though, that in gin clear water (which I seldom see) or one of those finicky streams where a whiff of wind puts fish down, I'd go to a clear leader.

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