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Re: Switching flies

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Heritage-Angler wrote:

Snip the leader off as close to the knot as possible. Yes, you'll eventually use up the leader doing this, but you can restore the length by adding tippet.

Tippet is the "thin" end of the leader, and you can buy spools of it to match the tippet on the end of your leader.

That's what you do.

I started adding this little step to my snipping the fly off procedure. I make 2 snips. The first snip is just a little bit back from the knot. (A little, like 1/16 inch.) Then I cut the knot off the fly.

The reason for doing this, rather than just snipping the knot, is to have straight tippet at the end to thread on a new fly, rather than that little curly end that makes it hard to thread the new fly on.

It helps a little bit when your eyes aren't so great and you're threading tippet through the eye of a small fly.