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Re: Leaders, whos making them vs just buying tapered?

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This thread has me interested in tying my own leaders. I've been looking up leader formulas and I have to wonder if tying them with 8 or 9 sections is overkill? It seems to me, and excuse my ignorance, that the benefits of having less knots and fewer sections, but a more staggered taper would be greater than a more gradual taper with many knots...example: Instead of tapering down 1x,2x,3x,4x,5x in short sections, why not go twice as long with 1x, 3x, to 5x. Is a more gradual taper with more knots better? I ask because it seems like more knots would cause more spray, be more visible to the fish, create a better chance of knots and hang ups, plus more weak points and a greater chance of breaking. I can recall on one occasion where a fish came up and bit a nail knot that I thought was trimmed nicely and unnoticeable in the water. Just curious of your thoughts on this.