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

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I've come to realize that the only thing more enjoyable than a good leader thread is a good "which vise is better" thread. The leader and connection method that works for you is the best one...for you.

I have mentioned Joseph Kissane's book "Drag-Free Drift" before, and I highly recommend it to anyone that wants to better understand leaders in all shapes and sizes. He makes a statement at the beginning of the book that had really stuck with me. It was something along the lines of, we spend thousands of dollars on rods, reels, and lines, agonize over the choice of fly down the smallest detail, and then make the most critical connection between those two parts with little thought and as inexpensively as possible.

I'm a hand tied leader fan, and I forced myself to learn to tie bloodknots without a tool so I can modify as needed on the stream. I've tried furled, braided, and extruded leaders, and for various reasons I like hand tied best. But I wouldn't know that if I didn't experiment. That is what I think everyone should do. Try them all and find out what works best for you.