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Skil,

Like Shakey said, it sounds like you tried braided leaders in the past. Braided leaders are hollow and spray water, furled leaders twisted together and are solid, therefore do not hold or spray water.

99% of the time I use the same leader for both nymphing and dries when on the stream. When I arrive I chose the furled leader that I believe will best do the job based on a lot of factors – size of the stream, water clarity, length of my rod, depth of the stream, etc.

I do use indicators on occasion and a furled leader works well with them too. I will give you a typical fishing scenario. When fishing a smallish to medium size stream I may chose a 5' furled leader. No rises seen, so I plan to start nymphing. Attached to the furled leader I would tie on say 20" of 3x, 20" of 4X, and 24" of 5X for my tippet. That would give me a 10' + leader. This is a similar formula as the business end of a George Harvey leader. I can turn over a fly, but also make a slack cast with relative ease. When attaching my tippet section, I would tie it with an Orvis tippet knot and leave the upper tag end long enough to use as dropper. I would begin fishing with a weighted generic nymph and a nymph to match what I think will be active at the time. I would put a little Strike Putty on the 3X knot, on the end of my furled leader, and one knot up on the furled leader for visibility, and work casting upstream. Instead, if you wish, you can put a floating strike indicator in the middle of the 3X section and adjust it up or down from there. I always make sure that there is thin diameter line riding below the indicator. I would never put an indicator near the butt of a leader, whether it be furled or conventional. A heavy leader in the water tends to drag the flies – the thinner line gives you a better drift and more sensitivity for strike detection.

Let's say I work into an area of deeper/ faster water. I would add a third fly, a heavily weighted nymph (anchor fly) which I tie for this purpose. I would attach it to the eye of the point fly making a heavyweight 3 fly rig for dredging the bottom. Often I rig the anchor fly as the second fly in the rig. If necessary, I will add a split shot or a little sticky weight to get the rig down, but mostly I try not use the added weight to my rig.

I work out of the fast run up to a glassy pool and see small delicate rises – ut oh - looks like midges. I cut off my dropper and the other 2 nymphs leaving me with 5X on the end of the leader. I simply attach 36" of 6X as the tippet, I now have a 13' leader ready for midge action. I used the same leader and changed from a deep nymphing rig to a midge rig without any hassle.

This just an example, but it is typical to how I use one leader butt and just change the terminal end to meet conditions. HTH.

Shaky,

For now just disregard the instructions. Grab a piece of mono. Double it up by aligning the tag ends. Grab each piece of line near where the loop is formed and twist both sections of the line between you fingers in the same direction. The line will twist together forming a single strand. You than make multiple segments of different lengths and join them together to form a tapered leader. HTH