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Flydog wrote:

JackM that was a great leader link!

Assuming that you are building a leader where the formula requires the last section be a 5x....now when you are fishing does it matter if you add a 5x tippet the end of your leader or does the tippet you are adding have to be a different size(smaller) than the last section of the leader? Or does it matter?

Fly Dog:

I do not know if it is right, but what is..... Anyway I always tie my last section of leader material a little long. By long, I try and add 12in or so of extra material to attach the first couple of flies on for the day. I try not to up size the tippet but will add a smaller size if necessary. I mark where the end of the leader should be with a sharpie and work from there.

Attaching a 4x tippet to a 5x leader will result in break offs as the the breaking point is greater at the terminal piece.

Another hint for nymphing is to leave a tag hanging from your last knot. You can attach your split shot to the tag. The upside to this is that if your shot gets hung up a little tug will usually just pull the shot off the tag leaving your leader, tippet and fly intact. Just pinch some more lead on and fish.

If you are going to start tying the leaders build your self a leader vise. A dowl, wood block and two alligator clips will do the trick.

Here is a picture of one from the frog hair kit. [Leader building tool](#)