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podflyguy wrote:

So is it worth it to make one of these jigs and twist up some homemade furled leaders?? There seem to be plans and formulas all over the internet, but I fear this may just complicate things again.

Yes!

The commercially available furled leaders are outrageously priced IMO. For the cost of 3 leaders you can build a jig and get enough material for many leaders. A typical mono furled leader has about 10-15 cents worth of mono in it.

Also I think that the mono and fluoro leaders that are out there are WAY,WAY, WAY to heavy for trout applications. The butt diameters are crazy. They are also extremely stretchy, which causes some interesting tangles when you break off a snag.

In my experience 8/0 and 6/0 Uni-thread are the best materials you can use to build furled leaders. These very fine threads allow you to more easily control the diameter and taper of your leaders and have far less stretch than the mono leaders.

Finally, I was once a furled leader zealot and used them almost all the time, but now only use them for dry fly and very shallow presentations. Experience showed they are terrible for deeper nymphing and streamer fishing IMO.

Like so many other things, they are trendy and get rave reviews, but they are really just another tool that has an appropriate time and a place.

Kev