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I'll second Jack's observations.

To that, I'll add that the size of the fly is the critical thing.

When you build a leader, you start to appreciate how they are designed to achieve a purpose. As Jack says, they are designed to transfer and dissipate energy. When you cast a bulky streamer, you need to have more energy transferred. When you cast a #18 ant, you need more of it dissipated. With a hands on appreciation of building leaders, you should not only know that you need to add tippet, but whether to drop a size or simply extend the length (and have a rough idea of how much) of the tippet depending on what you have on. You would probably get this insight without building leaders, but I started building mine early in my flyfishing career and it really ramped up the learning curve.