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I tie my own leaders and store them in a leader wallet. My question to everyone is how you wrap long leaders to avoid any tangles when you take them out for use?

For example, I will tie a 12' or 14' - 6x or 7x leader and wrap it around my hand several times and then use two twist ties to secure the opposite sides of the loop and put them in the leader wallet.

My frustration comes when I am on the water nymphing and I see risers and need to switch quickly to my 12' 6x dry fly leader and when I try to unravel it more than half the time I end up with a tangled mess that I either spend 10 minutes trying to unravel or just say \*&\$# it and get another one out.

So, back to my question. Is there a trick to wrapping the long leaders up so they won't tangle so easily? I start at the thick end and wrap them out from there. Sometimes I will wrap the butt end around the loops a few times to secure them in place.

Any other advice or should I just deal with it and slow down? I am so impatient when I see risers and I want a quick change over.