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Similar to how you wrap or unwrap an extension cord around your elbow and hand but on a smaller scale. This video is close to how I have always done it:

[How to Unravel a Tapered Leader](#)

I think it is easier to leave the thumb outside of the loop so you can use it to hold on to the bunch as needed.

For leaders with long, fine tippets of 5X or smaller, there can be looseness that is hard to control so check the length of it for overhand knots before stretching. And yes, a knotted leader does offer a bit of resistance here and there but just pay attention.

When you put it away, hold the tippet between thumb and index finger, then spread fingers a bit and wrap around your hand until you have 6 inches of butt left, then wrap that around the bunch.

Much easier to show than explain but this is how I have always done it with no problems. I just use the same size poly bags that the commercial leaders come in, storing a few of the same taper in each.