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Re: Getting dialed in with blood knots
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Hmmm, I much prefer a factory leader with a loop on the tippet end. 9ft 4X is what I usually buy and whip a double surgeons loop on the point. Then I choose tippet (you can join 6X to 4X loops without issue) tie a double surgeons loop in one end and join the loops. If you are dead set on tying your own, go get some reel filler spools of your favorite materials such as flourocarbon or standard monofilament and go crazy with the myriad of formulas out there. The easiest variation on the blood knot is the version "invented" by a not so popular (on this site) old timer named Lefty. Just cross your sections together and tie an "overhand" knot with FIVE twists. Double the tag ends over like a square knot and tie FIVE more twists. You are now done. Like all knots, moisten with your spit. WITH THIS VARIATION, TIGHTEN ALL FOUR (tag ends and running lines) together until the knot is almost tight, then release the tag ends. Don't ever skimp on tag ends - I usually have about 4-5 inches. Trying to conserve material will just cause more waste as you will have to trim the curlicue end when the knot fails. Trim the tags after the knot is good and tight - it should squeeze your spit out into a little droplet on the leader. A little experimenting and practice and you will be able to tailor exact lengths according to your formula of choice. A super simple formula is 4 feet of 17#, 3 feet of 10#, 1.5 feet of 8#, and 1.5 feet of 6# with a loop for joining tippet. Color your !0# section with a highlighter if you need an indicator section. Happy tying!
JG