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Re: Getting dialed in with blood knots

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You can substitute a surgens knot for the blood knot, but the blood knot is a better knot for a leader because it lays out straight. A surgens knot does not, both pieces of leader material that come out of a surgens knot will be on an angle. It works, it is not optimal. The trick to tying the blood knot is making sure the loop in the middle where both tags go through is big enough to quickly and easily slipping the last tag end through. This can be done by pinching the the first tag and the end of the loop between thumb and fore finger as you wrap the second tag. The other thing that makes this knot easier is to make sure you have long enough tags to start with. This knot is always trickier with the thicker leader material used for the butt ends of the leaders. Practices in front of the TV and by tying your own leaders, as suggested above. This is how I perfected this knot. Also, look for animated knot tutorials online; those help a lot as your learning.