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Phiend - learn the blood knot from a good YouTube video or the double surgeons knot. Practice your ass off on your couch with two different colored (cheep) fishing line spools. Heavy stuff like 20 lb. this is how you are going to add tapered tippet material to your leader...

Then get yourself some pre-manufactured leaders say a Rio 9 ft 5x leader or even 6x. Then test your knot skills and tie on a good two or three feet of tippet again (tapering down). Confusing because your number is actually going up. (Remember the higher the number x the thinner less diameter the tippet material is). So in this case add 2 -3 feet of 6x tippet material with a blood knot or double surgeons knot. Then tie on your Size 16 Elk Hair caddis and have at it. If you really want to have fun throw an emerger about a foot and half off of your hook bend using the same 6x tippet. Ha. Best bet - spend every minute you can with someone who understands teaching the dead drift. Mending / casting. A few minutes with an experienced fly fishermen will give you more than countless hours of failing on your own.

Trust me bro I have spent the last year obsessed and the good folks on this site and a few trips with experienced guys saved me serious growing pains. Ahhh and trust me I have had tons of snag ups and skunk days on Valley. Good luck - remember YouTube is your friend!!!