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The problem with the versatility of the majority of commercially available furled leaders is their length. I swear by my current system of using the cutthroat brand "shorty" furled leader. It's 50 inches and can turn over another 5 feet of straight tippet material for a 9 foot dry fly leader that is ridiculously easy to set up and use. If you're nymphing smaller water you can just toss an indicator at the end of the furled leader and adjust along the tippet length. If I need a longer leader to nymph deeper water or more stealthily present dries, I put a section of mono anywhere from 16 to 8 pounds depending on the situation and then put the tippet off of that. The shorter furled section doesn't struggle to turn over weighted nymph rigs, and you can grease and float it all day without worrying about switching between dries and nymphs. I haven't used a standard tapered leader in over 30 days on the water now. You will burn through your tippet a little faster, but it's still cheaper than buying tapered leaders in my opinion.

<http://www.cutthroatfurledleaders.com/>

Obviously get the dry fly one because the nymphing ones sink. Just my two cents here, but I don't plan on going back to the old way anytime soon.