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For thos of you who use nail knots. How do you switch leaders while fishing.

Interchangable butt sections. Nail knot a butt section to the line. Blood knot leader to that. When you change leaders, cut at the blood knot, retie new leader on. Yeah, the butt progressively gets a little shorter. I add lengths as needed. So if it shortened by a foot, then add a little over a foot of the same diameter, and start working backwards again. It's one extra knot in the leader. No big deal.

One nail knot usually lasts me more than a season. Of course, if you change the fly line, you gotta replace it.

Maurice, that's MUCH, MUCH finer tippet than the "standard" I learned, which was divide fly size by 4 and add 1 to get the "standard" tippet size.

Size:

8 - 3x

10 - 3x and 4x tweener

12 - 4x

14 - 4x and 5x tweener

16 - 5x

18 - 5x and 6x tweener

20 - 6x

Theoretically, then, a 24 would be 7x. But I generally fish 24's on 6x as well, and I don't usually fish anything smaller than that. I once experimented with 28's and 30's, and did use 7x, but it's certainly not something that happens often.