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Re: Is making your own leaders worth the trouble?

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For dry fly leaders, I am lazy and use the knotless tapered ones, plus I think they drift better.

Streamers and warmwater leaders are a different story. I learned in salt, so I tie those myself. The main reason being that I can completely customize. I tie streamer/warmwater leaders with 50lb butts on them tied with modified Yucatan knots (basically an easy tie albright, which I love because I can tie it blindfolded), unless I'm level lining 3 feet of mono off an intermediate tip. 50lb seems extreme, but with Rio OBS it gets much better turnover. I keep a few pre looped 50lb and 25lb butt sections in my leader wallet. When one gets beat up, I just attach a new but, tie in a short transition section and the class tippet and I'm good to go.

I use Trilene Big Game instead of Mason for the butt. I save the Mason for bite guards. I think its too stiff for a butt section, and the Trilene is more supple.