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Well, seeing as this is the Beginner Forum, I think an actual numerical response is what would actually be helpful. To that end, add as much tippet as you need to have a 9 foot leader/tippet combo. When dry fly fishing with one fly I think that you'll do fine with a 10 foot length, but each time you change a fly it'll gradually get smaller until it's about 8 feet long. Once you only have a few inches of tippet left, cut off the remainder and tie on a new 2 or 3 foot section.

When you buy a leader, it's ready to go. Most are 9 feet in length. After fishing for a day it'll be down to 8 feet or less. That's a good time to tie on a few feet of tippet.

As a base length, I like my leaders/tippet combo to be the length of the rod. Give or take a foot in either direction, the entire length should span the length of your rod. Once you know how to rock and roll with a 9 foot leader I recommend playing with different lengths (as Pcray illustrated) to know what's best for which situation.