

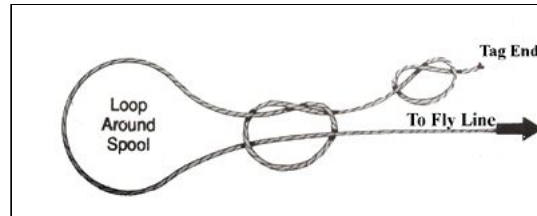


Common Fly Fishing Knots provided courtesy

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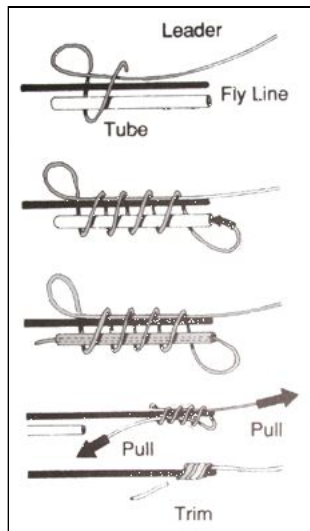
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Arbor Knot



Used to attach the backing to the spool of the reel

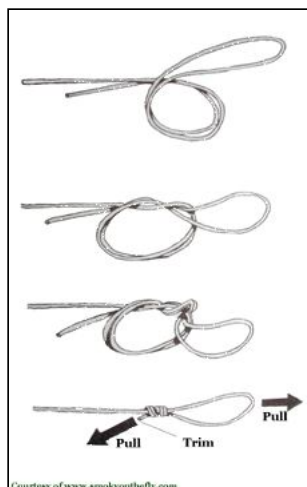
Tube/Nail Knot



This is the tough one, that is gonna take practice for most, this is the most common knot for attaching the backing to the fly line and also used to attach the leader to the end of the fly line in Fresh water situations.

* Note* in attaching the leader to the end of fly line it is also common and more simplified to install a leader loop to the end of your fly line.

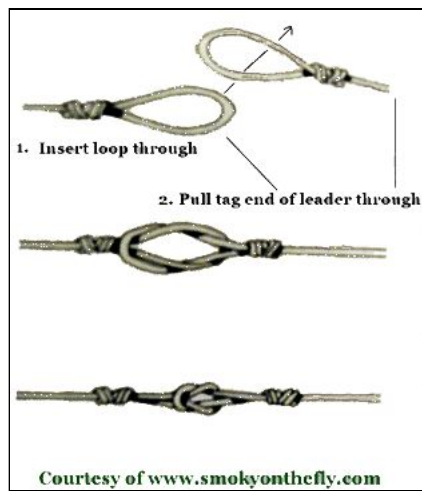
Surgeons Loop



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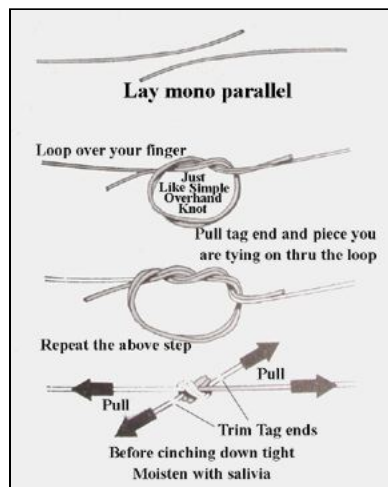
This is the easiest connection of the fly line and leader junction with the use of a leader loop. you may use the surgeons loop to connect your leader to the leader loop installed in the end of your fly line. If you do not have a leader loop you can easily purchase one at your favorite fly shop or several retailers on line for a few dollars. In a pinch you can double over the last few inches of your fly line and secure it with a couple of nail/tube knots and trimming the excess to make your own leader loop. which would be perfectly fine for most freshwater situations.

handshake connection



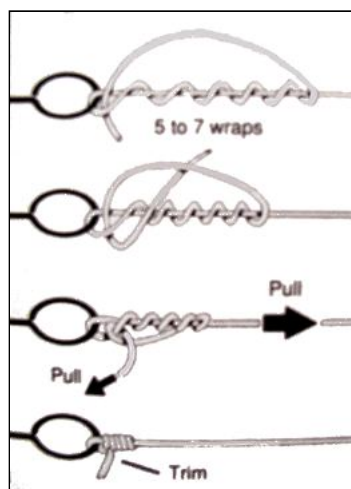
This is a great and common junction for connecting the leader and fly line together.

Surgeons Knot



This Knot is used to attach tippet to the leader. It is widely used in freshwater trout fishing applications. Remember when using this knot that it will remain a strong knot if the step down in diameter does not exceed more than 30%. for instance, You can join a piece or 8lb. test(3x) with a piece of 6lb.test(4x). However you would not want something like 3x to 5x as the diameter difference is to great and will result in a very weak knot.

Improved Clinch Knot



The improved clinch knot is a common and widely used knot for tying on flies. With practice it will become one of the knots most fly fishers tie the most. Especially if you loose alot of flies. Aside from this knot the other most common knot that fly fishers use is the surgeons knots illustrated above.

We hope that you will enjoy and find these knot illustrations useful and informative.

If you would like your guide will go over any of these knots on the day of your trip.

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