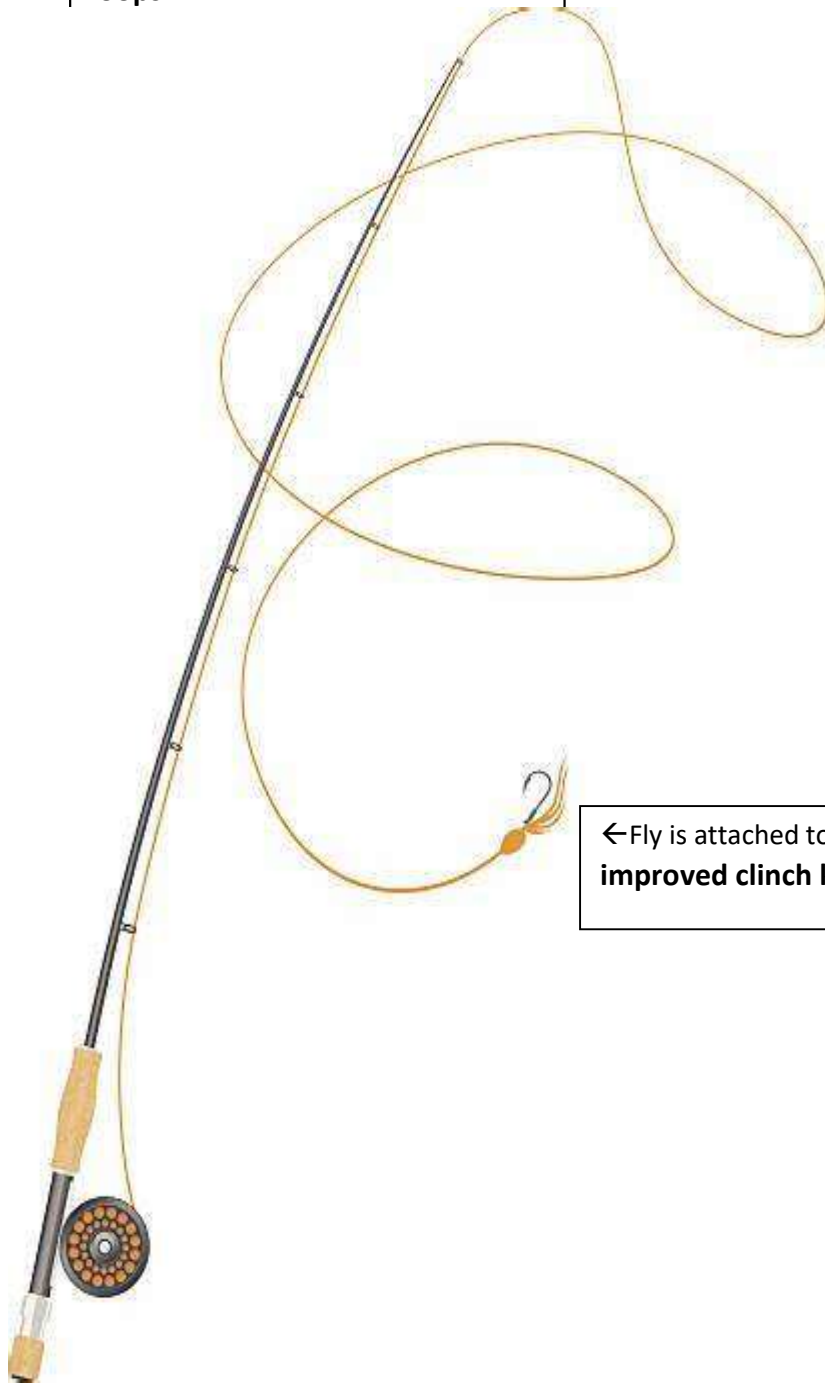


Fly line connects to leader with either a **nail knot** or a **loop to loop** connection using **two perfection loops** ----->

A tapered leader starts out thick and tapers to the desired thickness or strength and terminates as a tippet to be tied directly to the fly. The taper helps the leader turn over into a nice loop for a perfect fly presentation.



You can make your own leaders by
← starting with heavier mono or fluorocarbon line and tying it to
← smaller line using a **surgeon's knot** or **blood knot**. Then, add a smaller line, and a
← smaller line, until you get to the desired tippet size. Trout leaders are usually 7 ½' to 9' long. Start with 2' of 20# test line, next 2' feet of 10# test, next with 2' of 6# test, end with 3' of 3# test for tippet. Numbers are variable

← Fly is attached to the tippet with an **improved clinch knot** or a **Davy knot**