



# Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



## Make your own Leaders

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The last few days I have been making my own tapered leaders. It is not hard and I have fun making them. And my cost per leaders is less than \$0.50. The tip rings adds most of the cost to my leaders. They sell for \$0.10 to \$0.50 each. But even if you pay \$0.50 each, your cost for the tapered leader is less than \$1.00. I know a lot of fly fisherman who makes their own leaders and I am sure they are different than mine. But let's get started with mine.



### Materials:

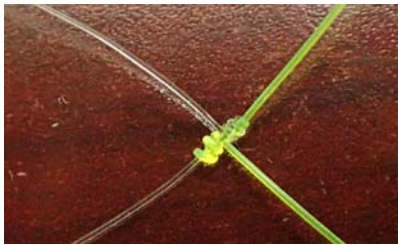
- Amnesia – Red - 20 lbs
- Amnesia – Green – 15 lbs
- Maxima Ultragreen – 10 lbs
- Tippet Rings – 2mm

I use 2.5 feet of Amnesia 20 lbs and tie a perfection loop on one end. That will use about 6 inches.



Then I tie a blood knot attaching the 20 lb and the 15 lb Amnesia.

This will use about 6 inches of line for both materials. The Amnesia Red 20 lbs is about 1.5 feet long.



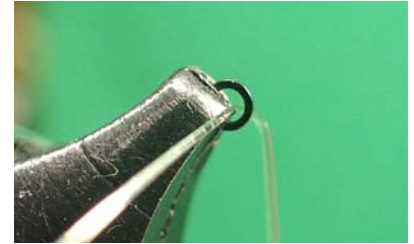
Then I tie a blood knot attaching the 15 lb and the 10 lb Maxima. This will use about 6 inches of line for both materials. The Amnesia Green 15 lbs is about 1.5 feet long.



Attaching the tippet ring is the tricky part and if you are not careful, you will lose your rings never to be found again.

Separate one ring from the others and

slide your Maxima line through the ring. Careful slide it off the tippet ring holder and close the holder. Put your tippet ring in your fly tying vise.



Tie an improved clinch knot. Then put UV on all the knots. The Maxima is 4 feet which makes your tapered leader 7 feet long. My tapered leader is done.



When I get to the stream I am fishing, I add on the length of fluorocarbon, 6, 4, or 2 lbs. If I want to change the length or weight of my fluorocarbon, I cut off at the tippet ring and add on the new.

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