

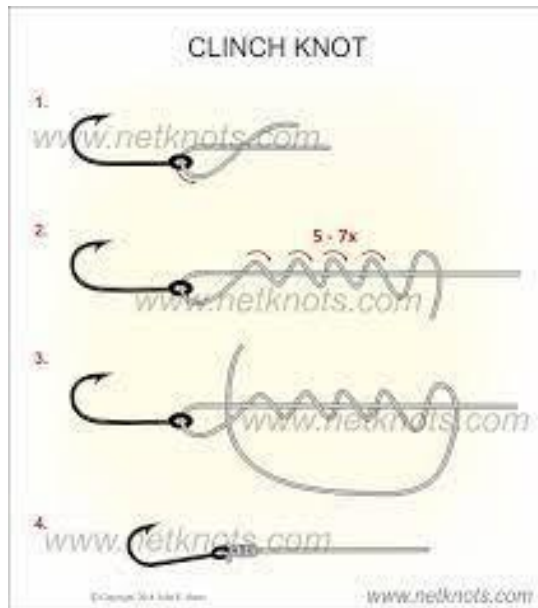
Basic Knots

Tips for tying knots:

- Always wet the knot prior to tightening
- When attaching tippet, the diameter should get smaller as it gets closer to the fly
- The knots below with ** are the best “beginner” knots
- The “tag end” of the knot is the side closest to the fly. The “standing end” is the side closest to the rod

Terminal Knots (attaching the fly)

Clinch Knot**



Tips

Best knot for dry flies

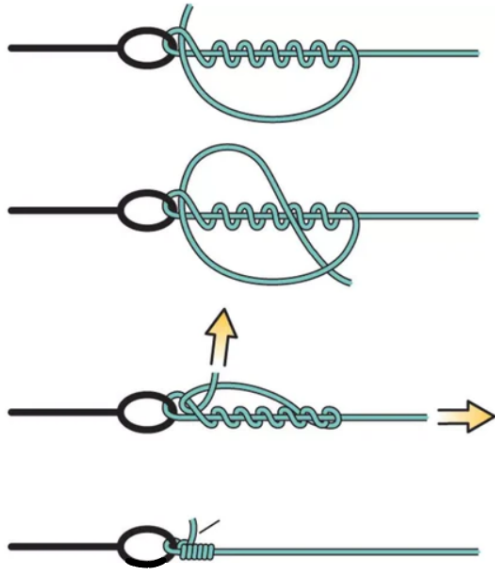
Can use a lot of tippet when tying

Use 8 turns before the tuck

Tighten by holding the tag end and pulling the standing end (I put the tag end between my teeth, close my lips to moisten)

Always leave an 1/4" tag when trimming (this knot will slip)

Improved Clinch Knot



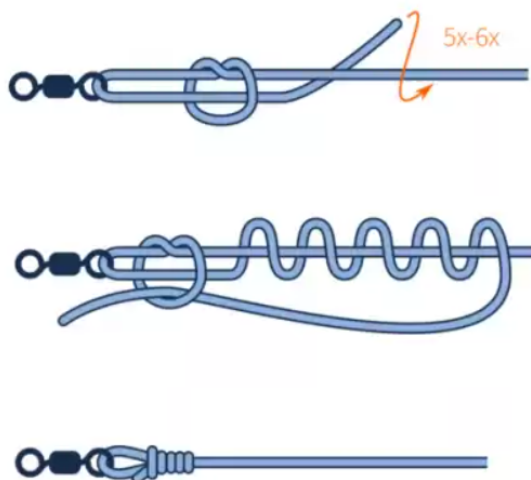
Tips

Better knot with fluorocarbon
Go ahead and use a lot of tippet when tying

Use 5 turns prior to tuck
Continue the same direction for the second tuck (stronger)

Tighten by holding the tag end and pulling the standing end
Always leave an 1/4" tag when trimming (this knot will slip)

Non-slip Loop



Tips

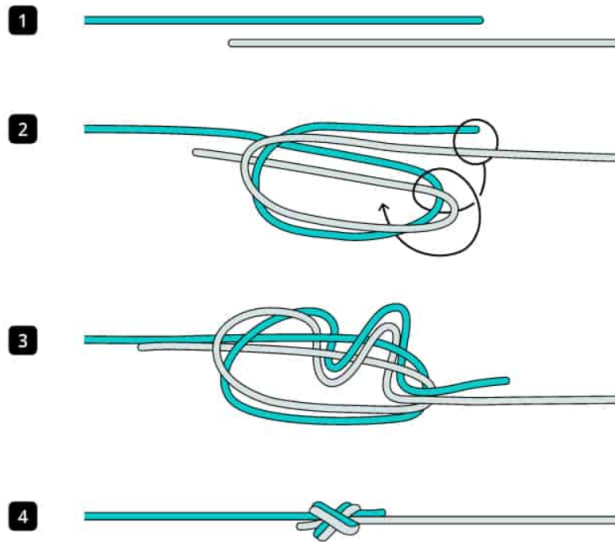
Stronger than the clinch knot
Best knot for lake subsurface fishing (gives the fly more action)

Downside: if the loop is too big, the fly might hang up in it

Keep the loop small by starting with a small half hitch that is close to the eye of the hook, then pulling on the **tag** end to tighten
Use 4-6 turns

Line to Line Knots (attaching tippet)

Surgeon's Knot**



Tips

Simplest knot, but also the weakest

Can be used to make a dropper

Use a double surgeon's when attaching tippet of the same diameter

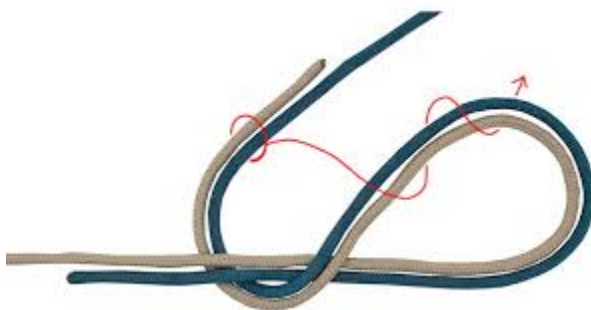
Use a triple surgeon's with tippet of differing diameter

Tighten all 4 lines equally and avoid crossing lines

Always test the strength of this knot before fishing with it

OK to trim the tag ends close

Orvis Tippet Knot

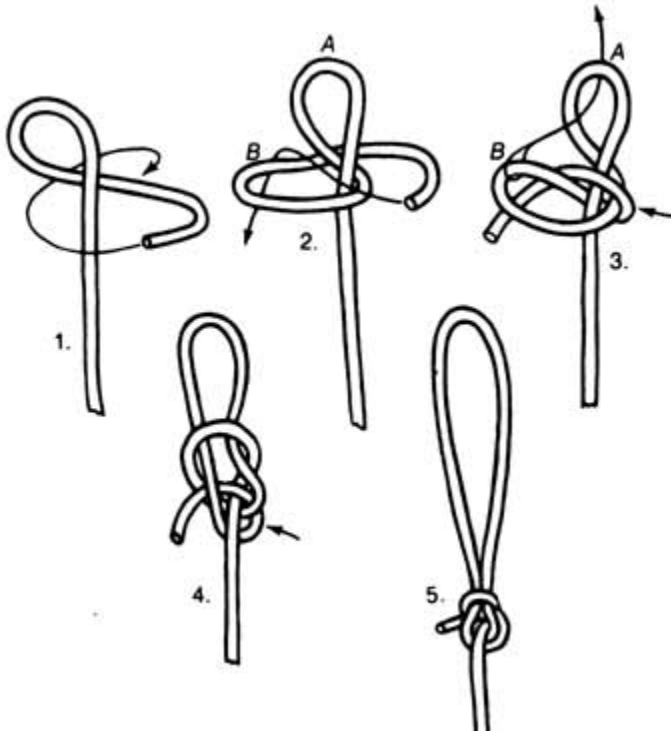


Tips

Stronger line to line knot, but also more difficult to tie

Can also be used to make a dropper

Perfection Loop**



Tips

Mainly used to attach leader to fly line (loop to loop connection)

A 99% strength knot

Use forceps to hold the loop, then pull on the standing end to tighten

Notes