

Bill's Short Line Rigging System

The bi-color Amnesia indicator and the method of creating the dropper with a double and single uni-knot were created by my friend Ron Rabun. Over many years I have made a few modifications, but the design is basically the same.

Here's how the leader works: (i) The leader, from the top of the indicator to the end of the tippet, is assembled in the package; (ii) Carefully loop the indicator end to the welded loop on your fly line, or to the loop in your butt section; (iii) At the end of the leader there is a barrel swivel; (iv) the tippet section is tied to this swivel by a clinch knot; (v) To replace the tippet section, simply cut off the old one and tie the new one to the swivel.

The indicator and leader, both made of monofilament, are virtually indestructible, and will last a long time except when they become festooned with bad-casting knots (aka "wind knots").

The tippet section is made entirely of fluorocarbon. The top end of the tippet section is tied to the barrel swivel at the end of the leader. Thus, pre-made tippet sections are quickly and easily interchanged, if the dropper is clipped too short by changing flies, or the tippet becomes hopelessly tangled or is lost on a rock or in a tree.

Tips: (i) As with any packaged leader, unwind it carefully to prevent tangles; (ii) If the knots in the indicator/leader cause problems for you, coat them with a product such as UV Knot Sense; (iii) Purchase or make extra tippet sections and keep them in your vest—they can be tied into the system in a flash and save a lot of time.