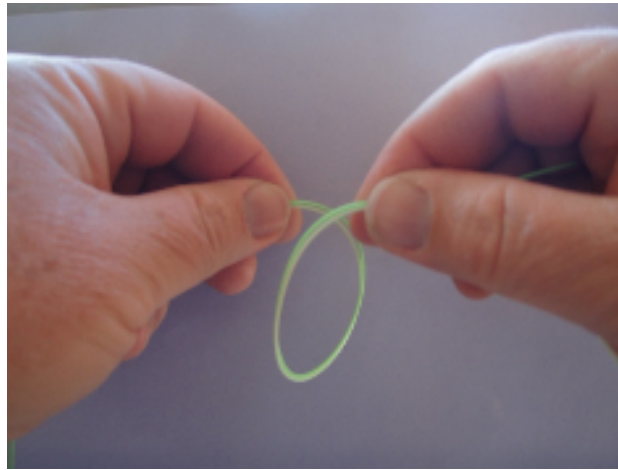# Lefty Kreh's Hemostat Blood Knot or the Orvis Tippet to Leader Knot
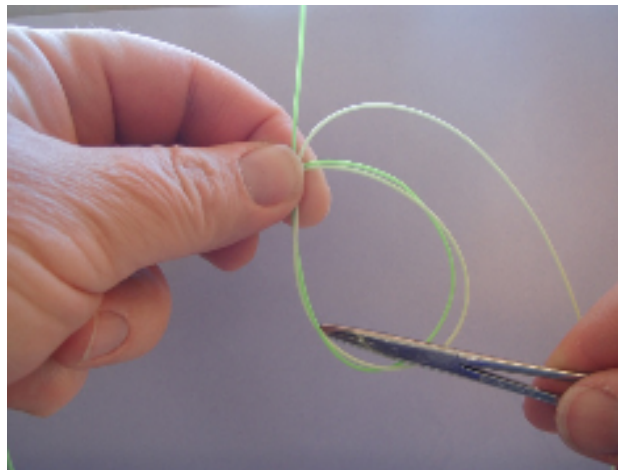
I have recently started using the Orvis Tippet knot for my tippet to leader or tippet to tippet connections. It is not the prettiest knot and it doesn't have the slimmest profile. Nevertheless, it is supposed to be stronger than three turn Surgeon's Knot (by the way surgeon's do not use the fishing knot known as the Surgeon's Knot), and like the Surgeon's Knot it will tolerate a large difference in diameters (.004 inch). So far, my use confirms its strength and versatility. I have also been able to trim the tags right at the knot without knot failure. I consider this more important than profile, because mini-tags have more of chance of causing tangles than large knot profiles. Furthermore, I have been known to put Bio-Strike on knots and the large profile makes that easier. Next trip I am going to try putting some Mojo Mud on the knots and see if that works.

I found the knot rather clumsy and slow to tie. I have gotten better at, but in the meantime my friend Davin Lim showed me a way to tie it with hemostats that is super easy … also super familiar. This is the exact same knot/technique that Lefty Kreh demonstrated in the March 2007 of Fly Fisherman. I have redone the pictures below. I can only find video on the web and I don't think it is as useful as a series of stills. I have also added a few extras for clarity.
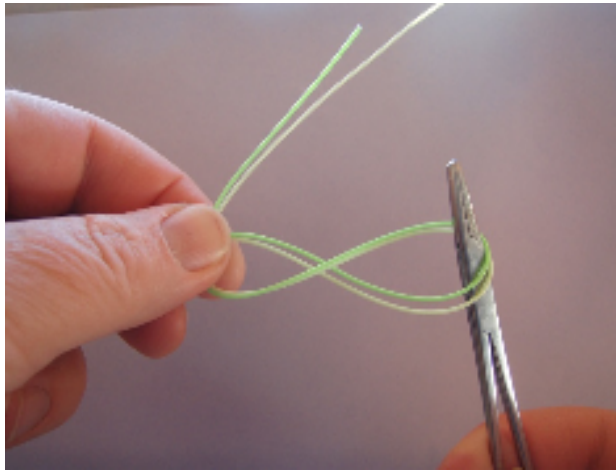
In this pictorial the green line is the leader and the light line is the tippet:

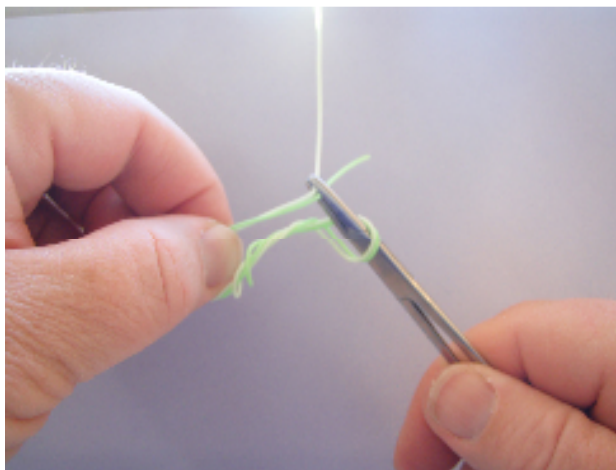**Step 1: Create downward loop with tippet side (right side) overlapping on top.**

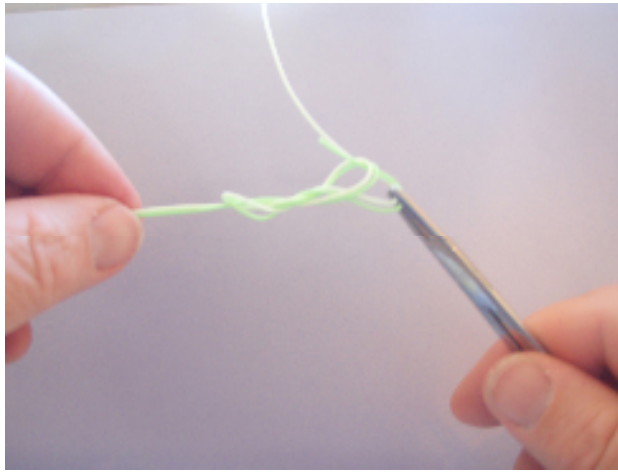**Step 2: Pinch crossover point of loop and insert hemostats into loop.**
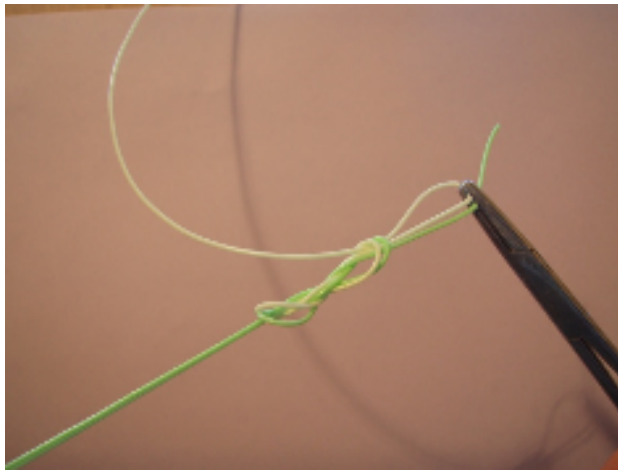
Step 3: Twist loop with hemostats. This is turn 1.
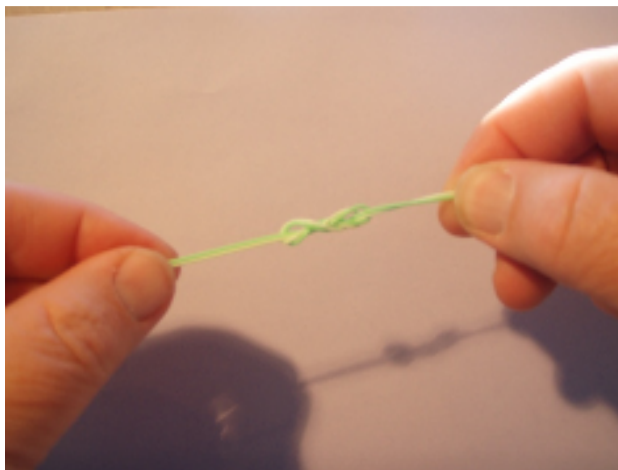

Step 4: This is turn 3.

Step 5: Gently grab (especially with fine tippets) tag end of leader and long end of tippet.
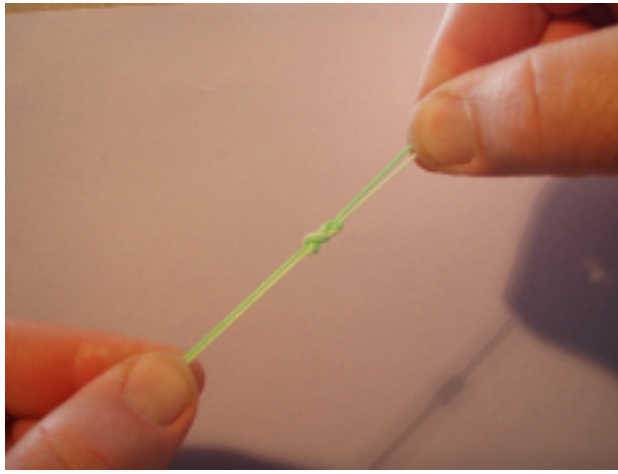
Step 6: Pull back through loop.

Step 7: Tease entire tippet though loop.

Step 8: Moisten and pull all four ends simultaneously.

Step 9: Finished knot. Trim tags.