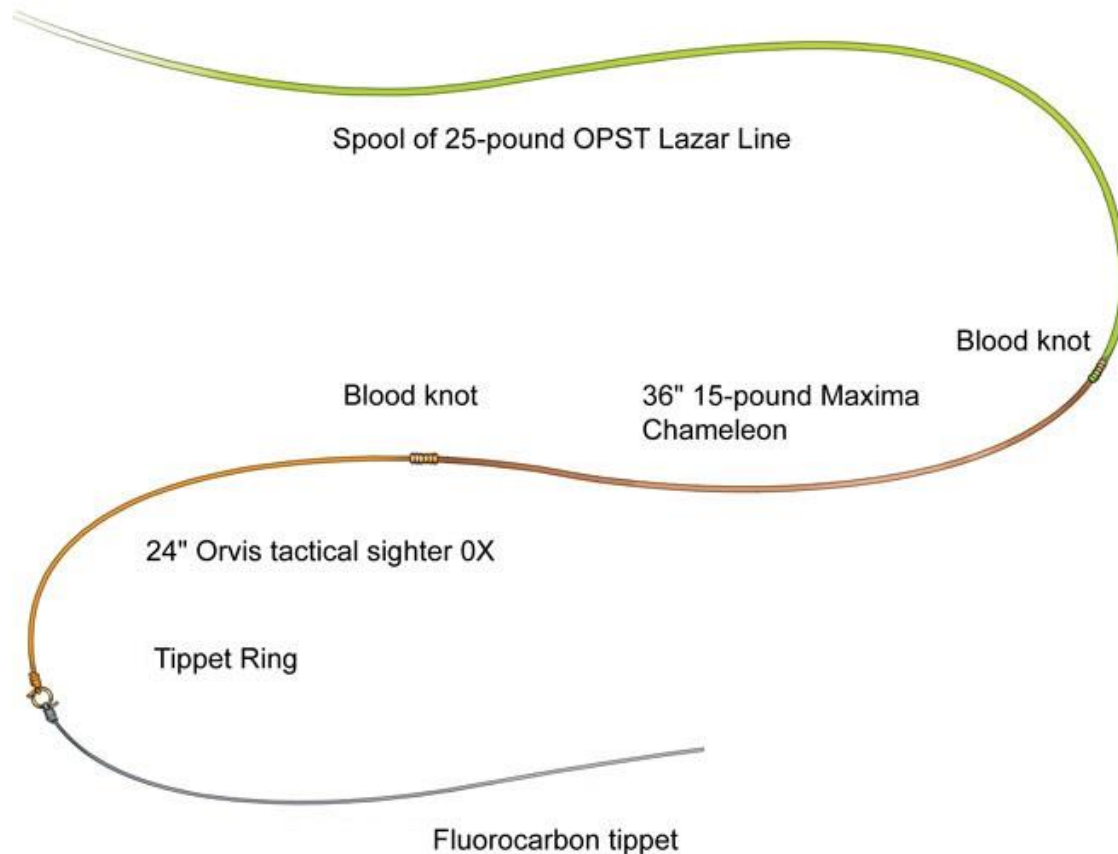


# BVFF Drop Shot Nymphing Info Sheet

## EURO MONO-LEADERS

Troutbitten's Mono Rig & George Daniel's Mono Leader use heavy (#15 to #20#) mono down to the sighter. Maxima Chameleon tippet is much less expensive than a Euro Line and doesn't "sag". Troutbitten uses 25 feet of 20# Chameleon and George Daniel uses bright OPST Lazar Line connected to 15# Chameleon. For more information on the Troutbitten Mono Rig see: <https://troutbitten.com/2016/01/13/tight-line-nymph-rig/>. To start you can just use a "normal" 9 foot 0x leader and tie it to the sighter. Or attach 10 feet of 20# Maxima Chameleon to your fly line and connect it to the sighter.



## SIGHTER OPTIONS

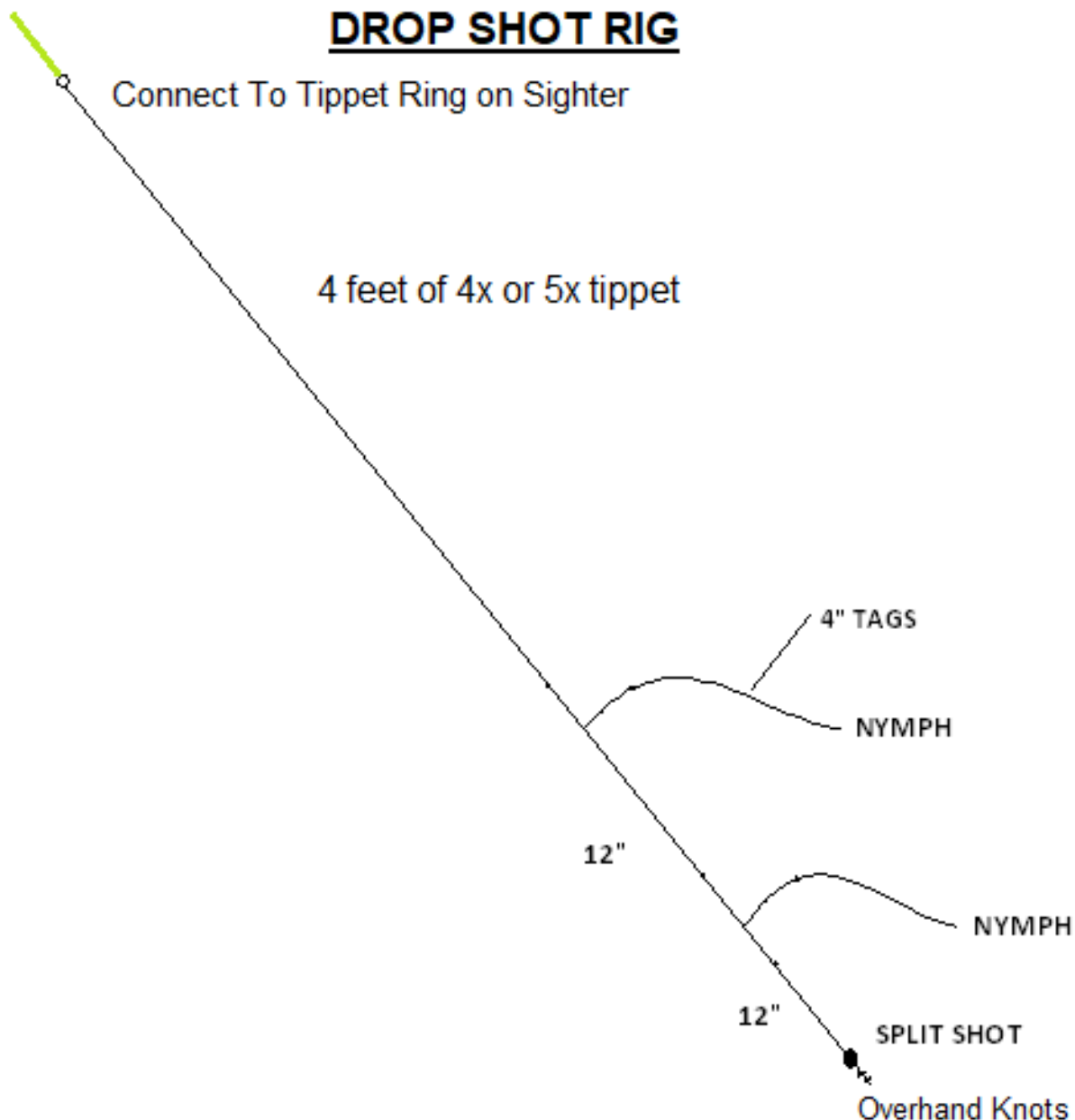
You can buy rolls of bi-color mono tippet. I recommend "stiffer/thicker" mono as it turns the flies over better and is more visible. Umpqua Perform-X Indicator tippet in 03x or 0x is a good option as is Cortland BiColor Mono in 12#. I like to build my sighter out of Amnesia. 15# Bright Yellow and 12# Red, and then add a color-spot at the transition with a small piece of pink yarn in the connecting knot, or a barrel backing knot or a small piece of Rio's Kahuna indicator. Having that spot of color makes it easier to see slight movement. End your sighter with a 2mm tippet ring or a micro swivel. I like Raven 4xs micro swivels because they help reduce tangles on the tippet below. One caution on tippet rings, some (like RIO) are known to have sharp edges that will cut mono.

## KNOTS and TIPPET

For tippet I like to use Trout Hunter Fluorocarbon—it is strong and knots don't slip like some other brands. Yes, it is spendy, but it is a larger spool of material, and it doesn't "go bad" like mono does. I use triple overhand surgeon's knots to connect mono together and the Davy Knot to attach Flies. Both knots work well with Fluorocarbon and the Davy Knot uses up very little of your dropper tag. Droppers can be tag ends of a Blood-Knot or Triple Surgeon's Knot. Or they can be added using a Uni Knot or a Sliding Dropper Loop. Good knot websites are: [www.animatedknots.com](http://www.animatedknots.com), [www.netknots.com](http://www.netknots.com) and [www.1001knots.com](http://www.1001knots.com).

## TYING THE DROP SHOT RIG

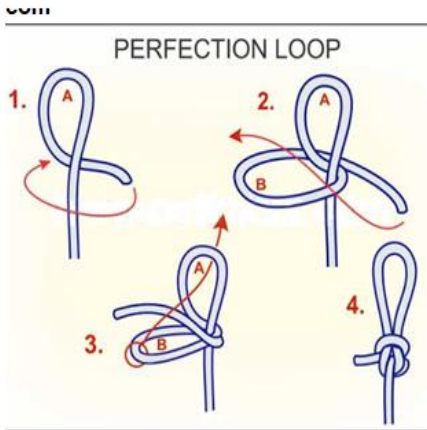
1. Start with 6 feet of 4x - 6x tippet and tie it to the sighter tippet ring.
2. Cut about 16" off the bottom and tie a triple overhand surgeon's knot, leaving a 4" tag on the lower side. Trim the tag on the upper side.
3. Repeat step two up another 16" above the first knot.
4. Tie a couple of overhand knots at the very end of the leader.
5. Add your flies and split shot and you are ready to fish! To start, "over-weight" the system and use 2 BB size split shot to help get the flies down quickly and keep the rig "tight".



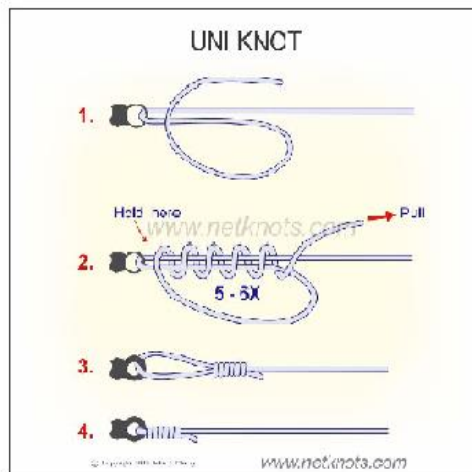


*Sliding Dropper Loop*

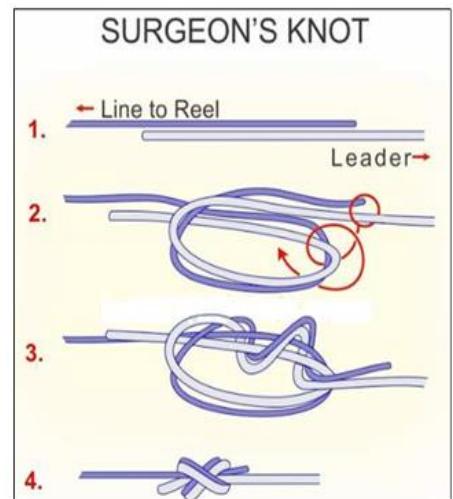
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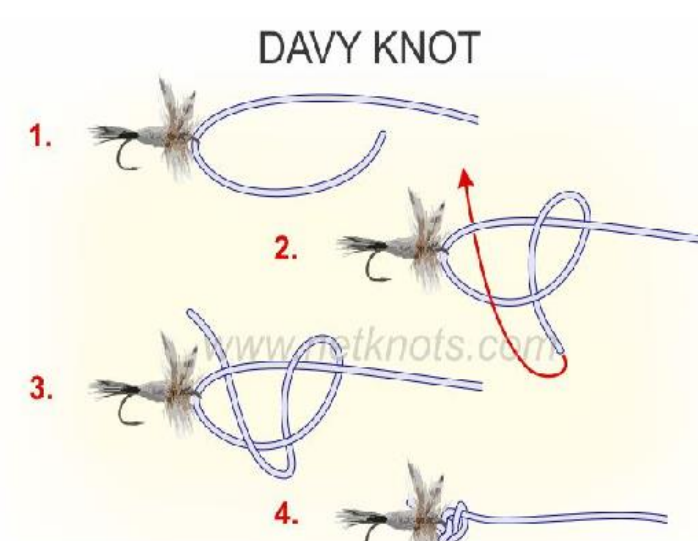
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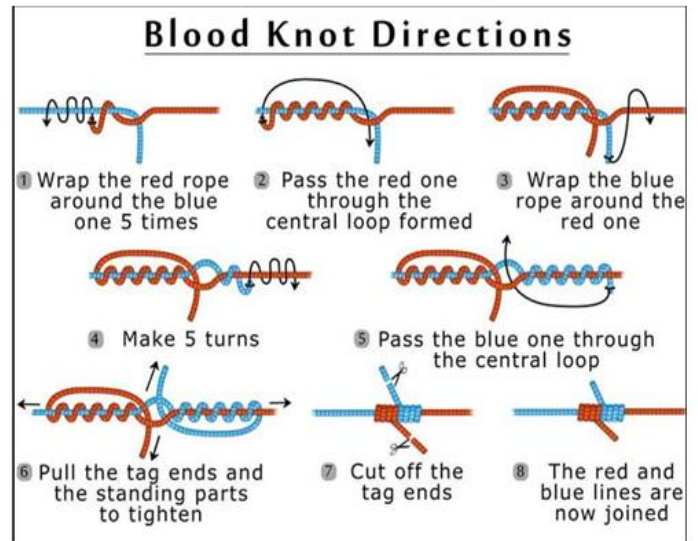
**UNI KNOT**



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**DAVY KNOT**



**Blood Knot Directions**