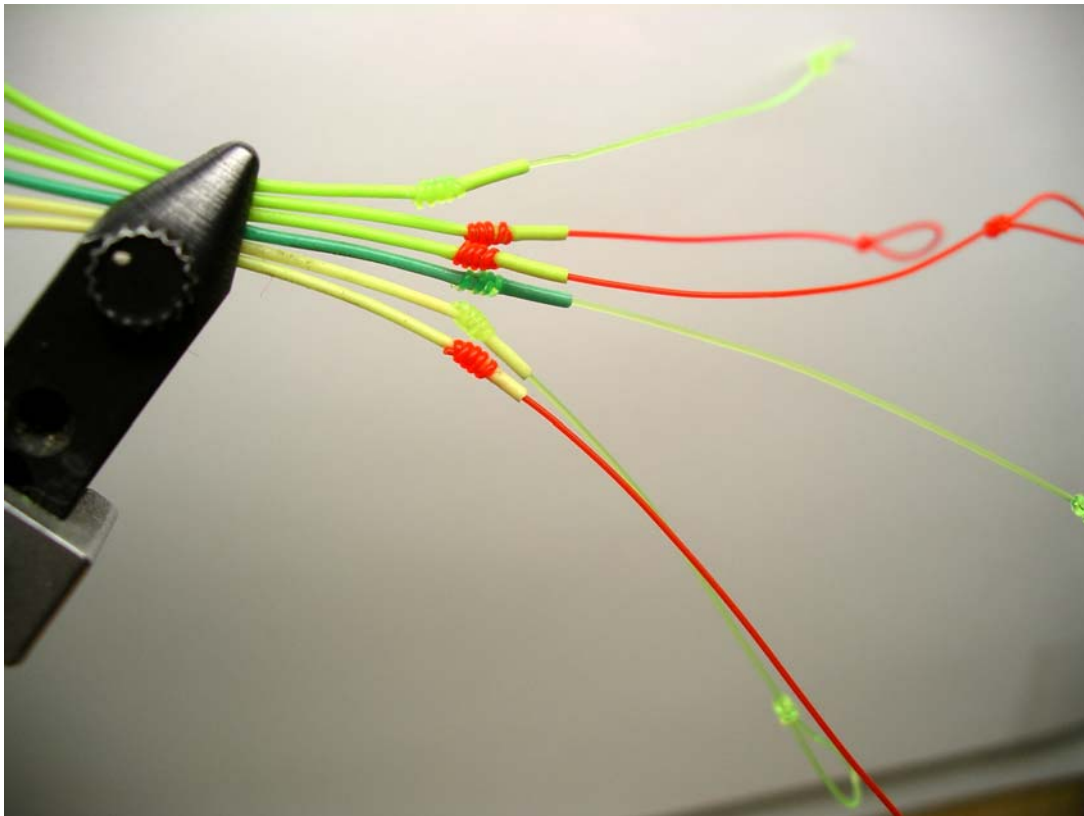
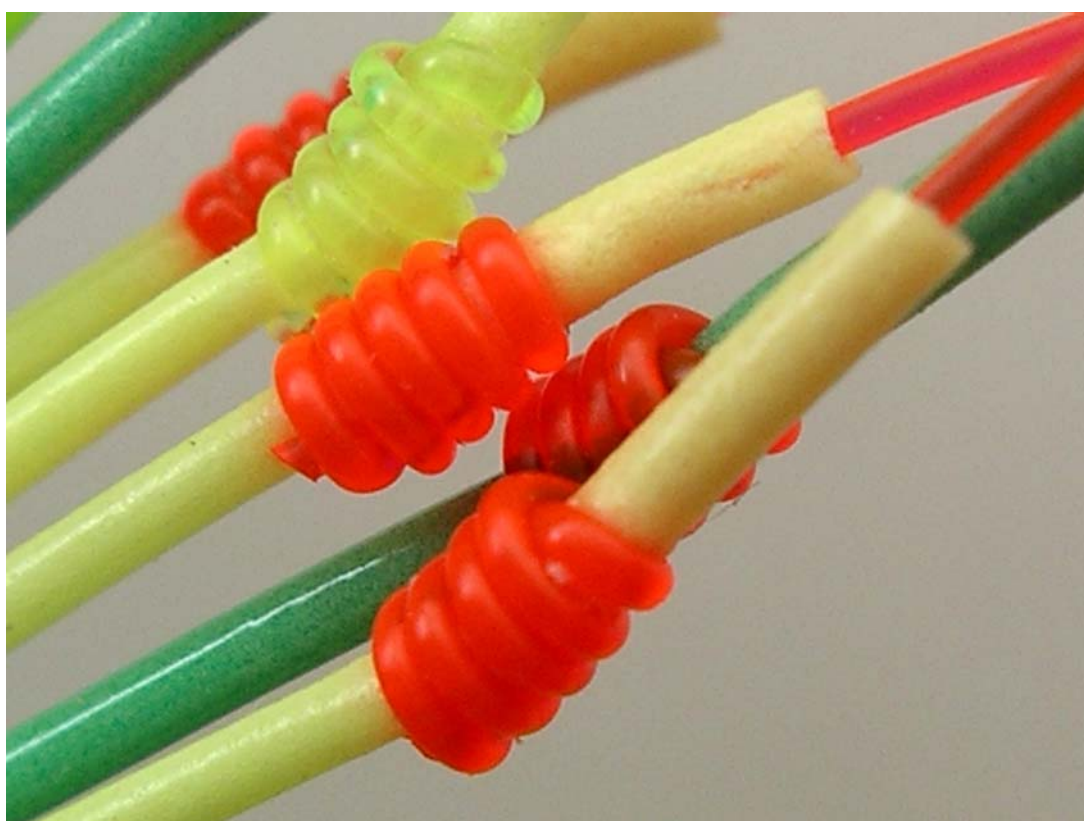
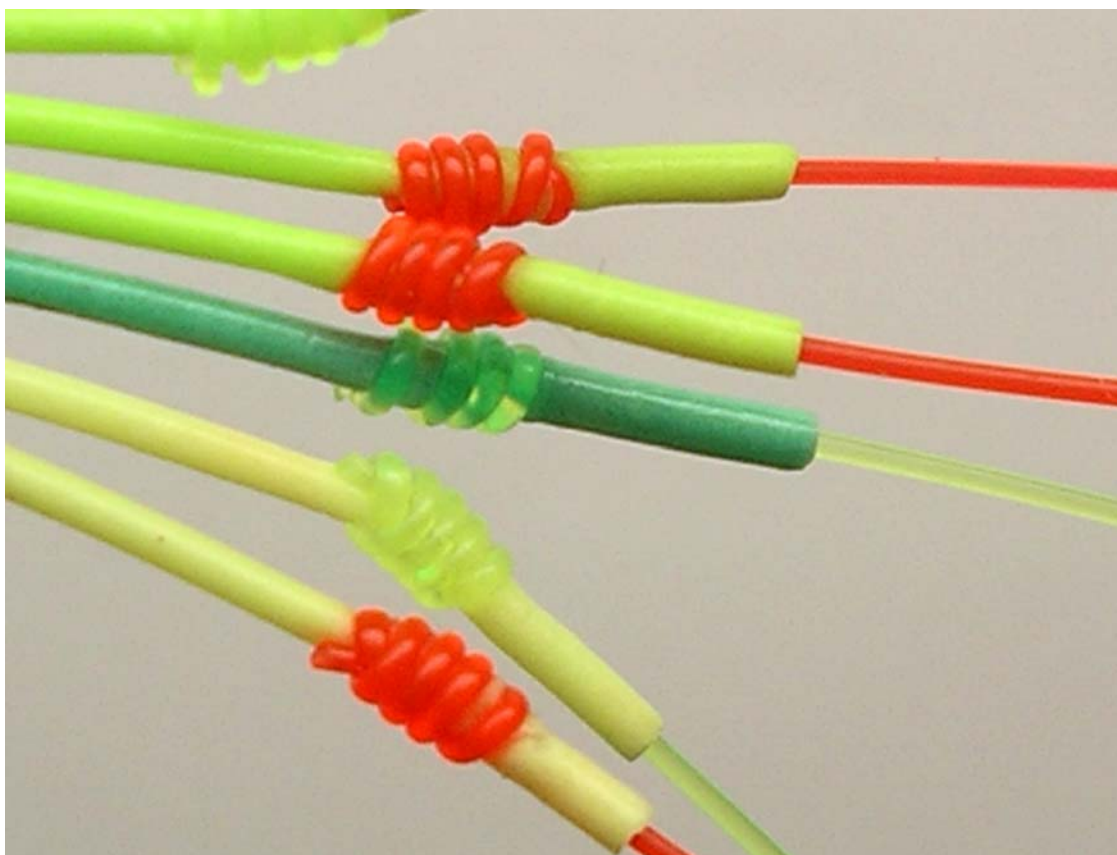


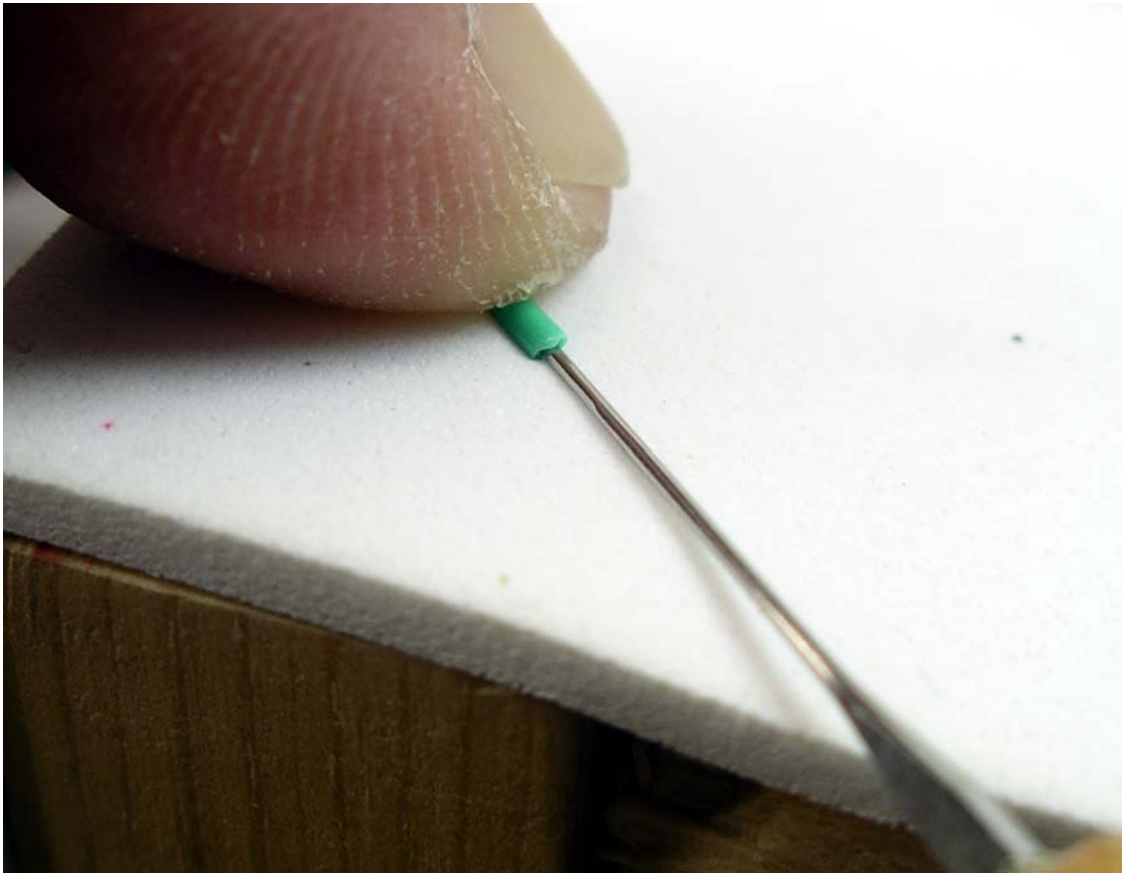
## The **Nail Knot** by the *Trout Commander*



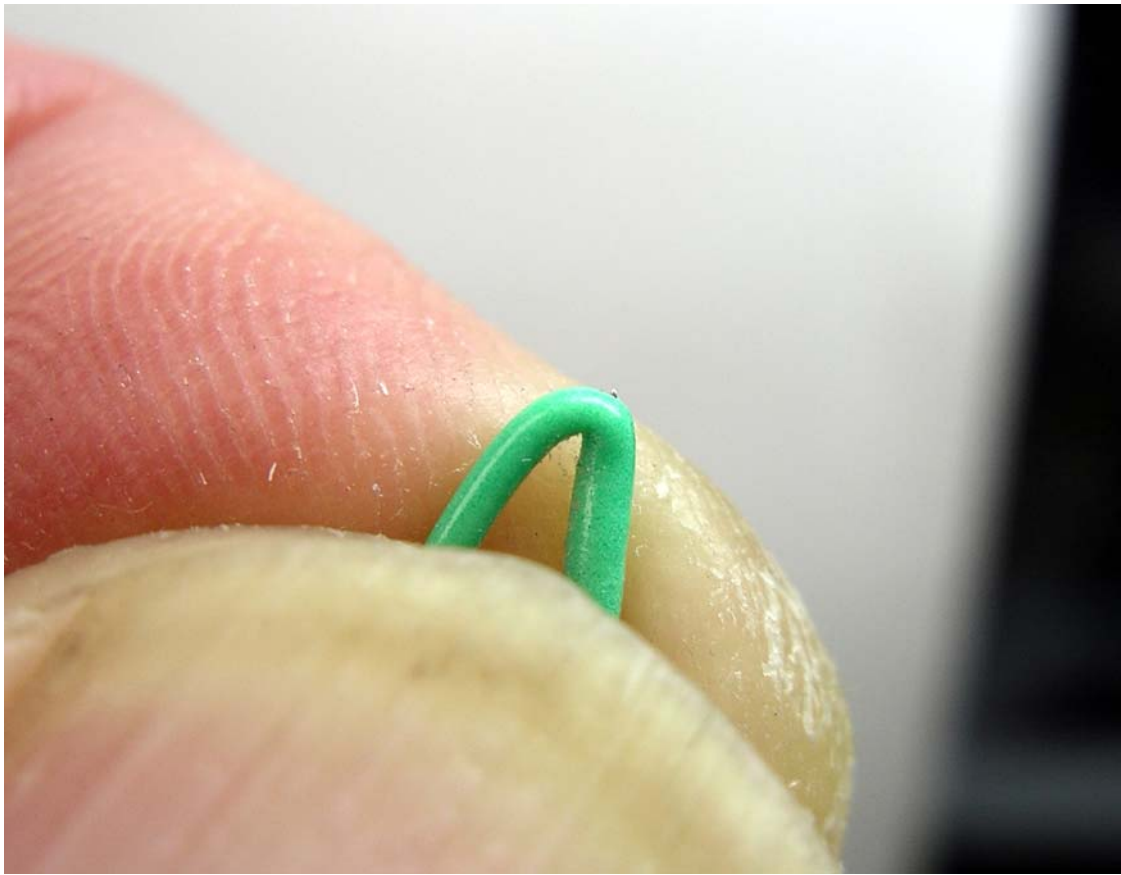




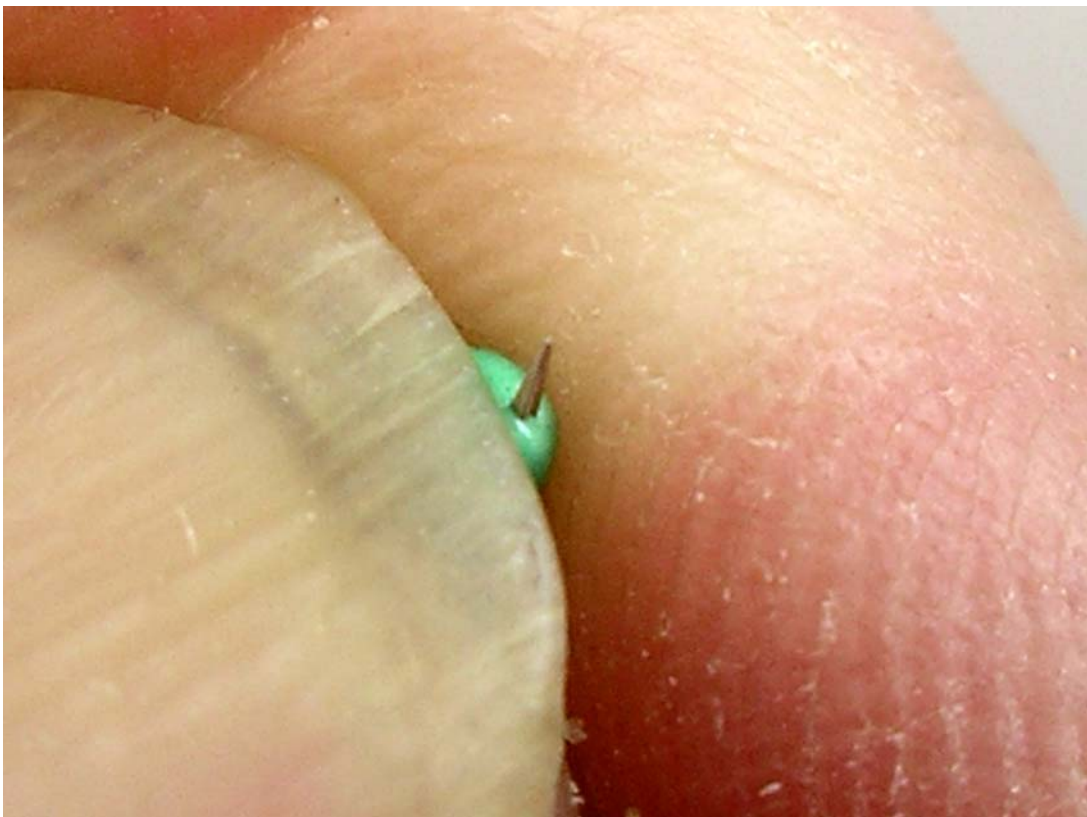
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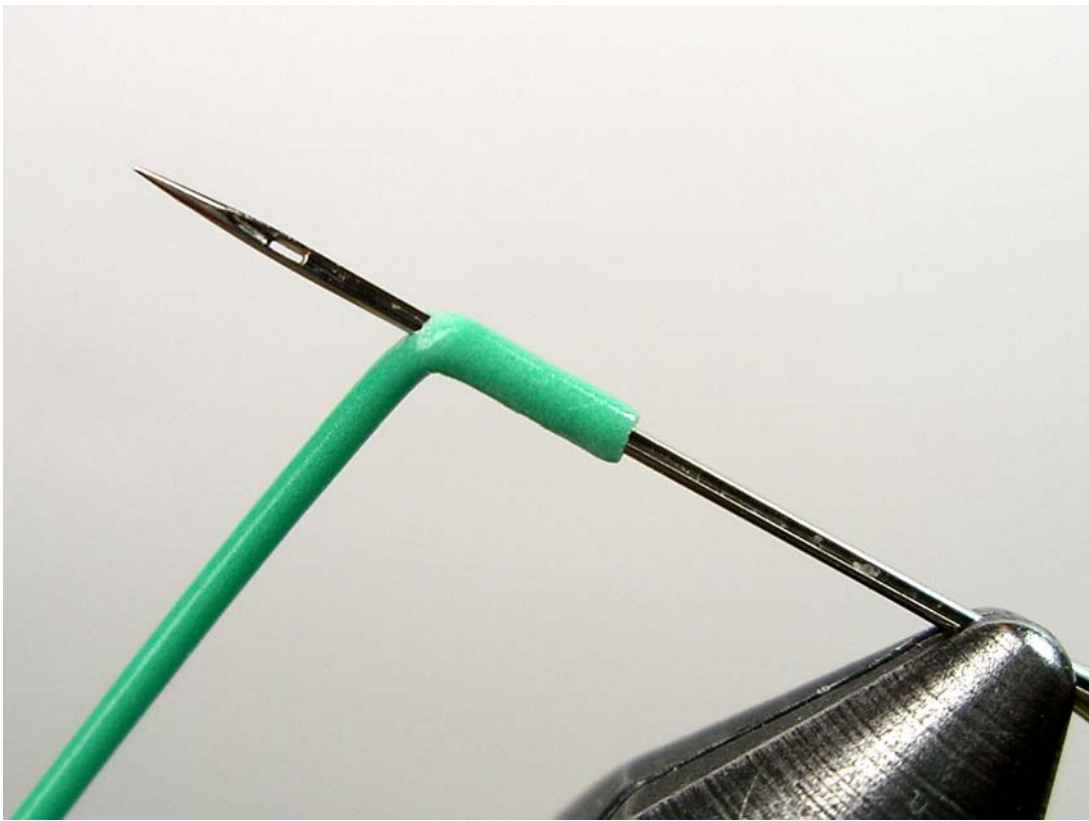


Inserting the needle:- Lay the fly line on edge of a flat surface. Slowly push the needle in until it just passed the eye of the needle. about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch. This will ensure a straight entry and forward.



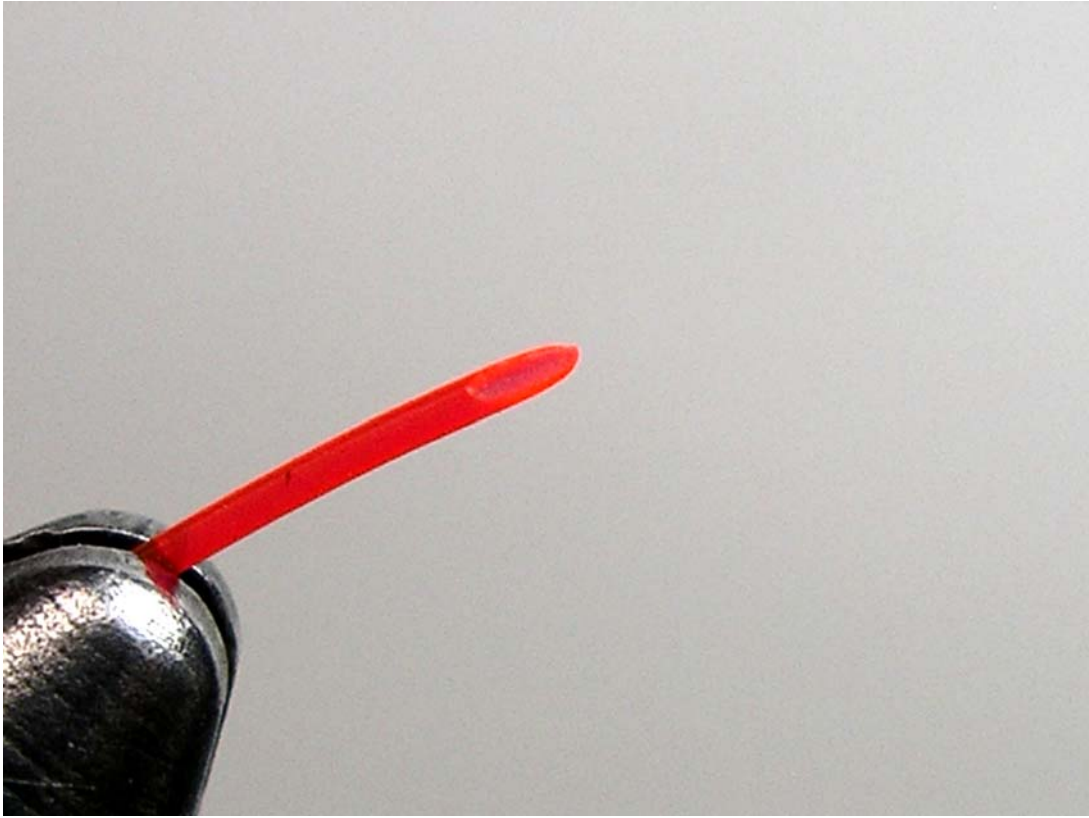
The exit point: Bend the fly line as shown above.  
Gently push the needle out by gripping the line.



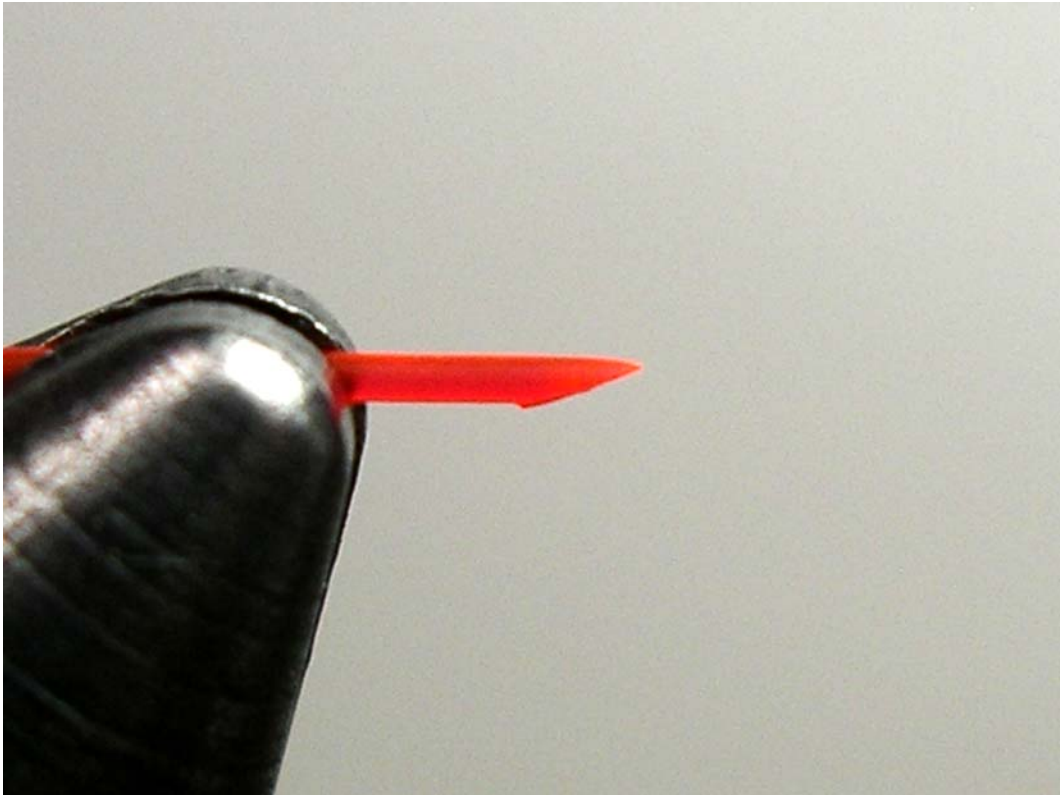


Push the line up to the taper shoulder of the needle. Leave at least 5 minutes for the line to stretch.

Preparing the Amnesia for the connector.

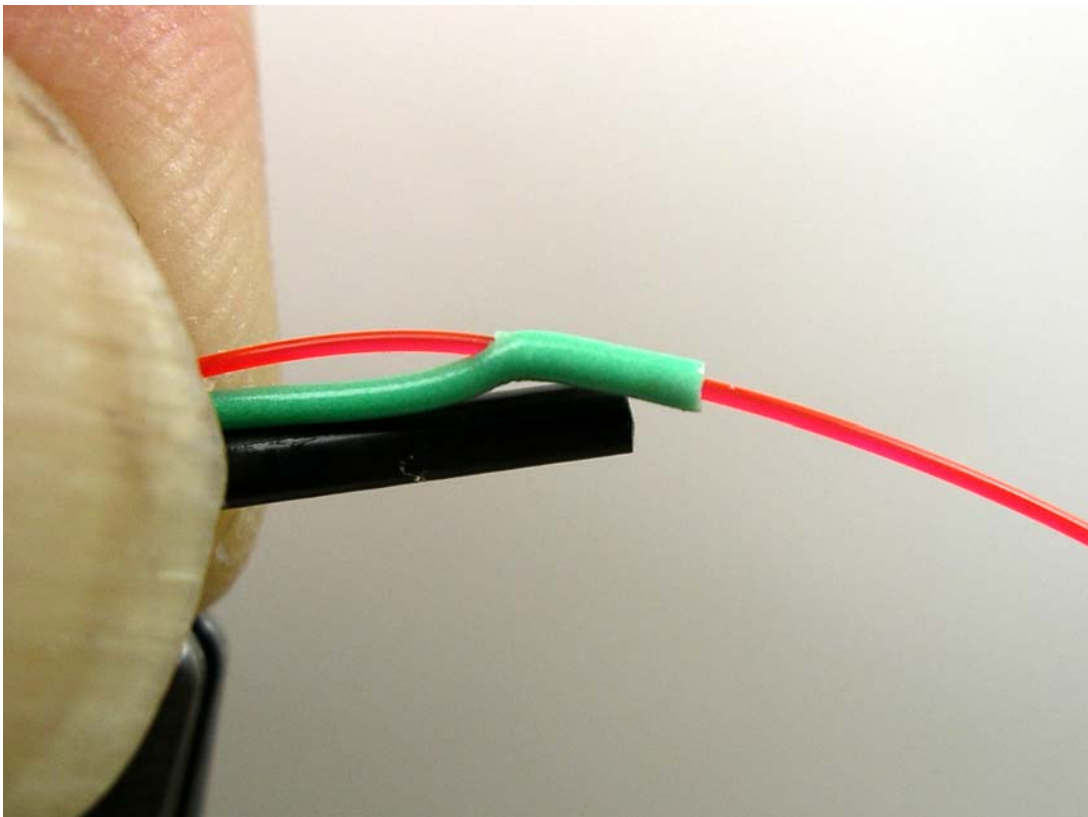


Using a nipper, cut at 45 degree. Turn the Amnesia with the point on top. Below photo.





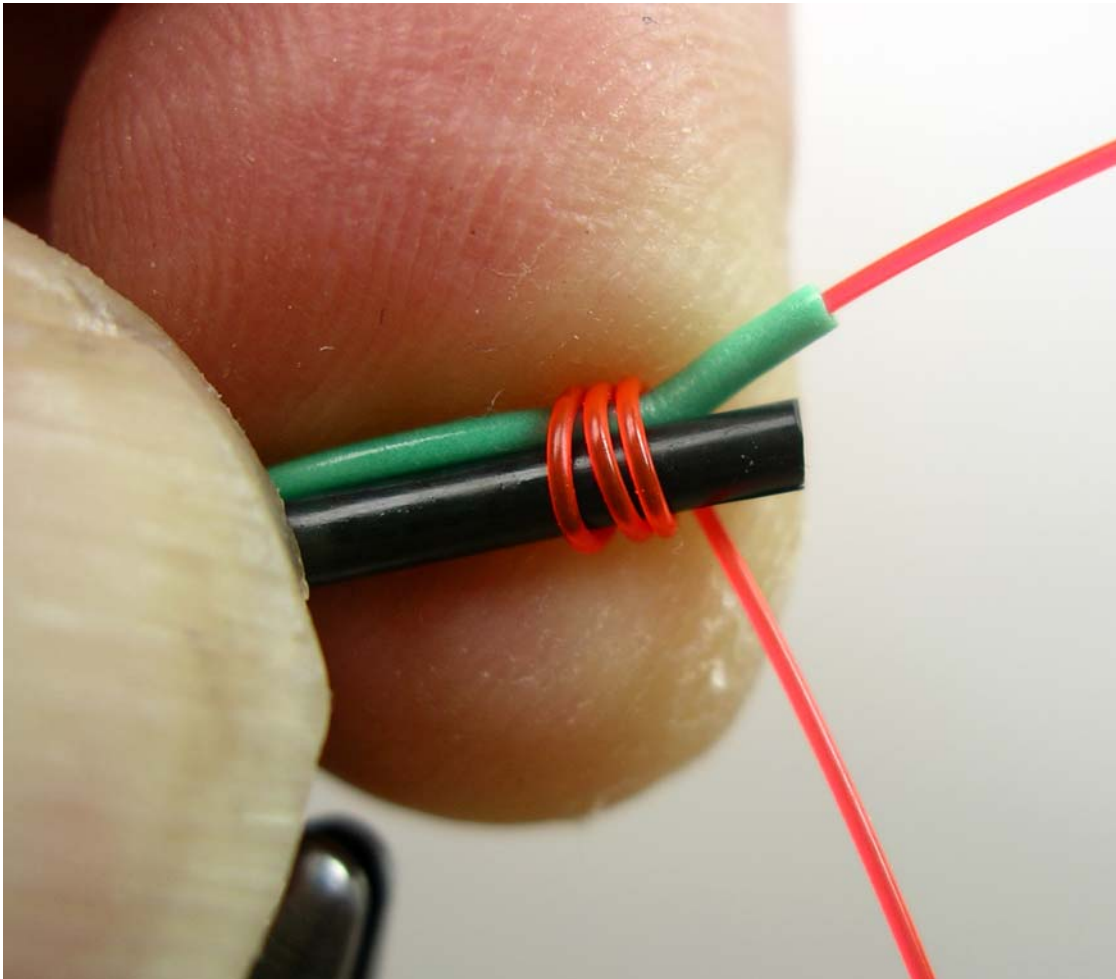
Inserting the Amnesia: Pull the needle out of the line with the left hand gripping the fly line. The line must be bend at the exit point while being held. Push the Amnesia through. Note the point of the Amnesia.

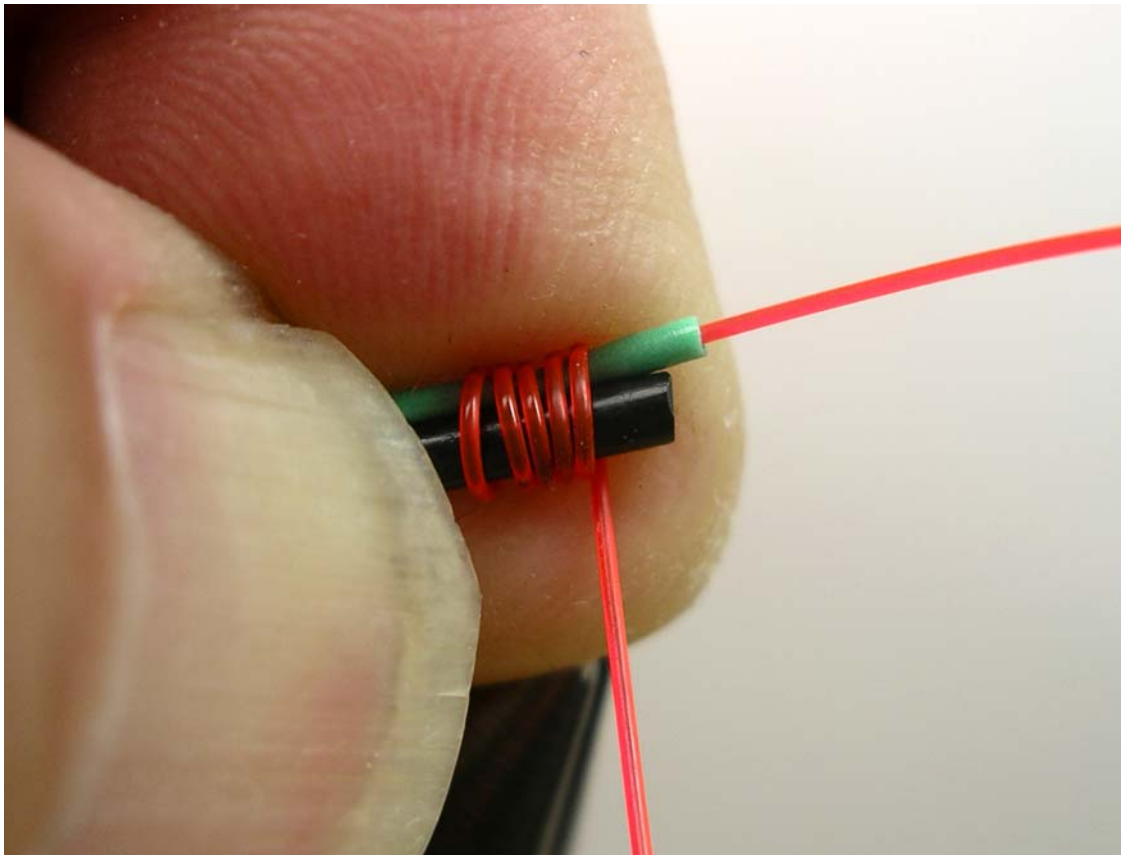


The start of the wrap: Pull enough Amnesia out then lay on top of the pipe. We are going to make 5 wraps. The wraps start from the left towards the front of the fly line.

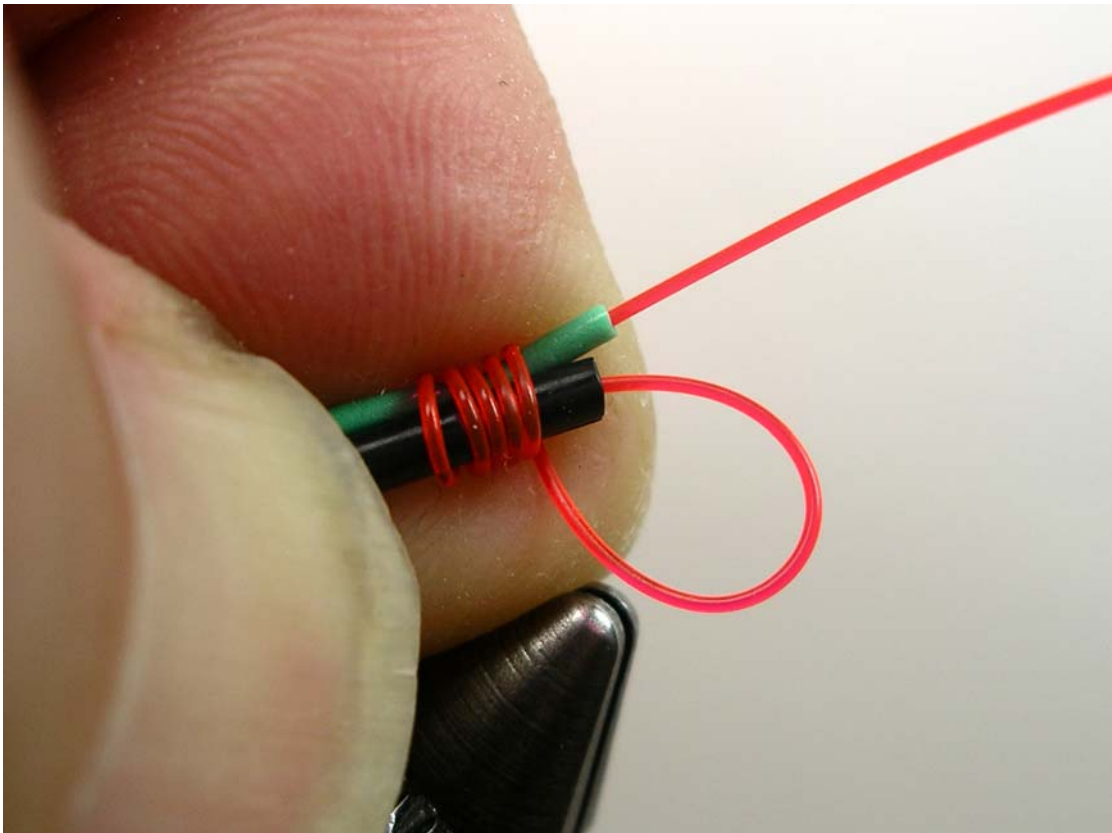
To start the wrap. The tag end of the Amnesia should be hanging down by the left thumb and fingers. Bring it up and make 3 wraps up as close to the exit point.

The photo below shows 3 wraps up to the exit point of the Amnesia. The next 2 wraps should be in front of the exit point.

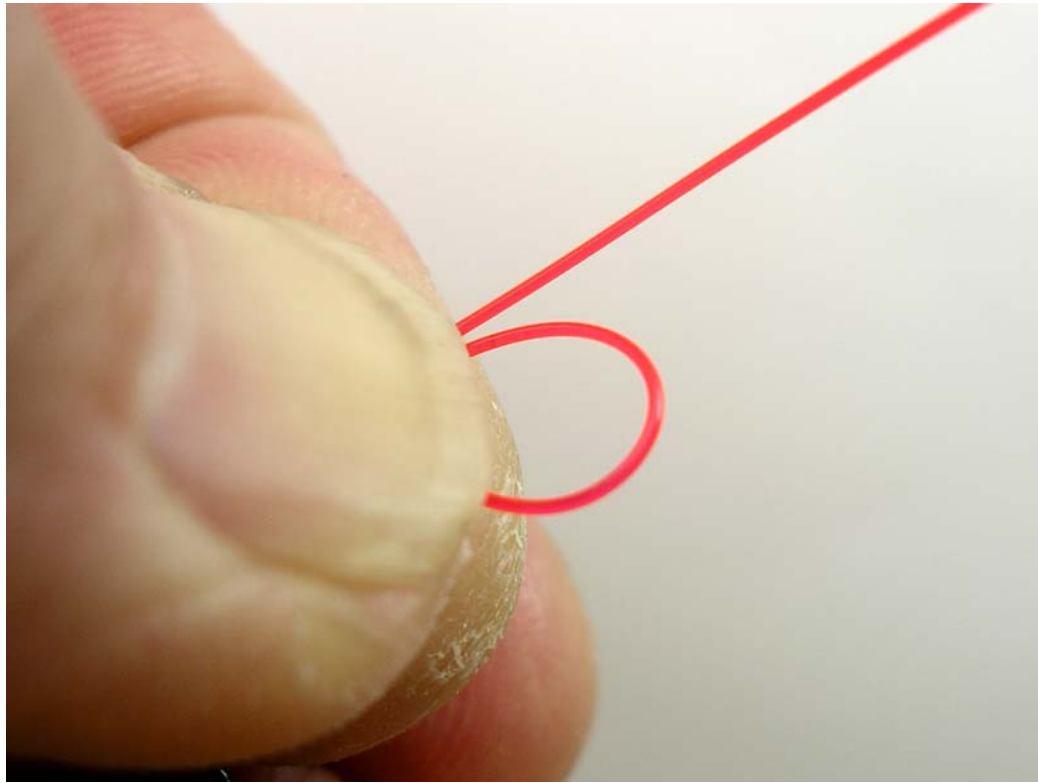




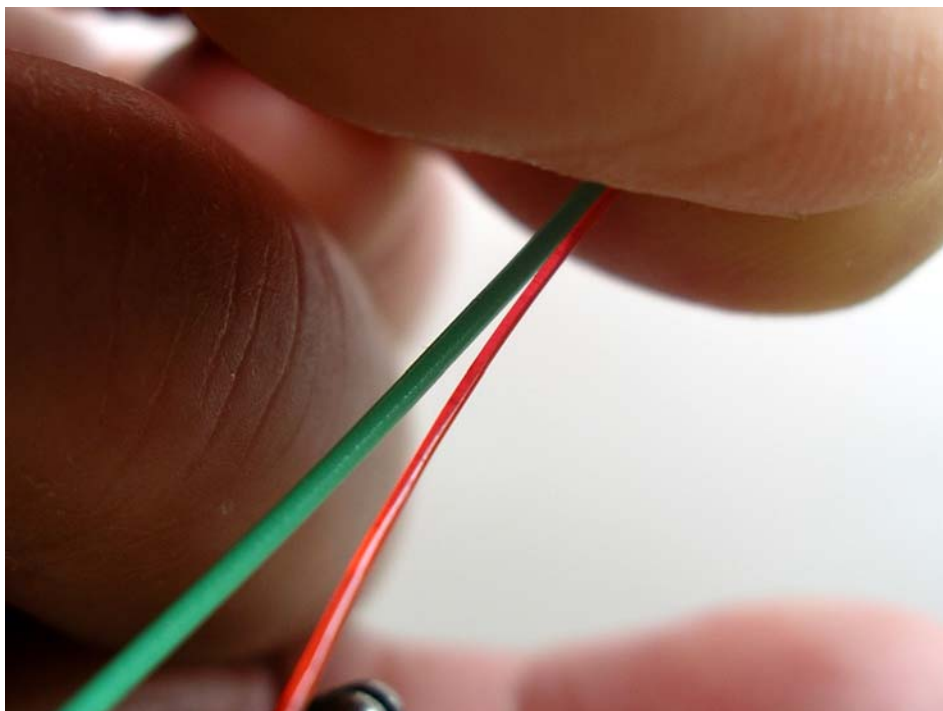
The wraps are done. Make the wraps tight but not too tight that make it difficult to pull out the tool. It is much easier to work with smaller wraps after the tool is pulled out.



Insert the tag end of the Amnesia into the pipe. Now pinch the knot with the thumb and finger and pull out the tool with the right hand. The knot can also be push to the tip of the pipe before pulling out the tool.

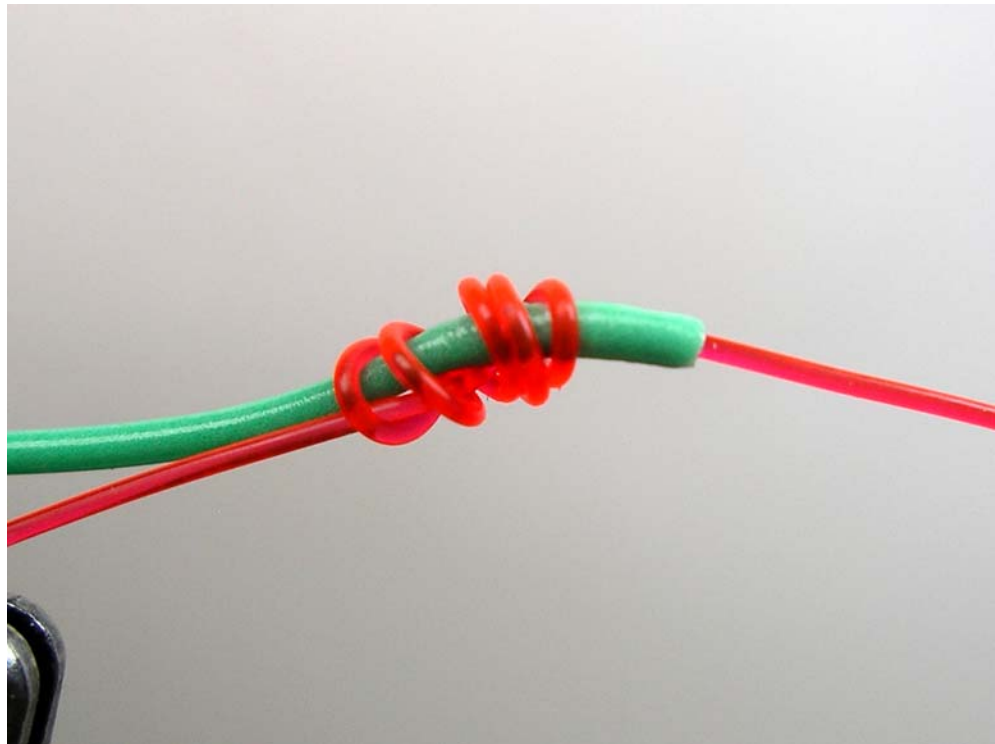
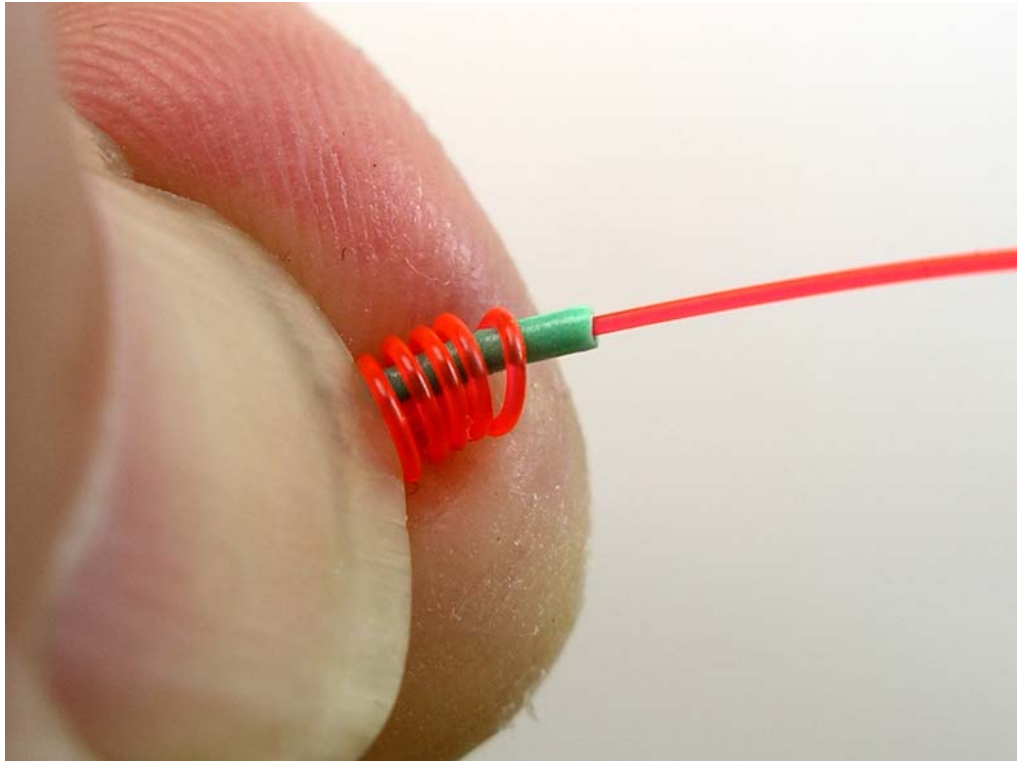


This is after the tool has been pulled out. Notice the loop. This must be pulled through quite tight to hold the wraps. The tag end of the loop (photo below) when pulled will tighten the front of the wraps. The other end(the straight on above) when pulled will tighten the back 3 wraps.

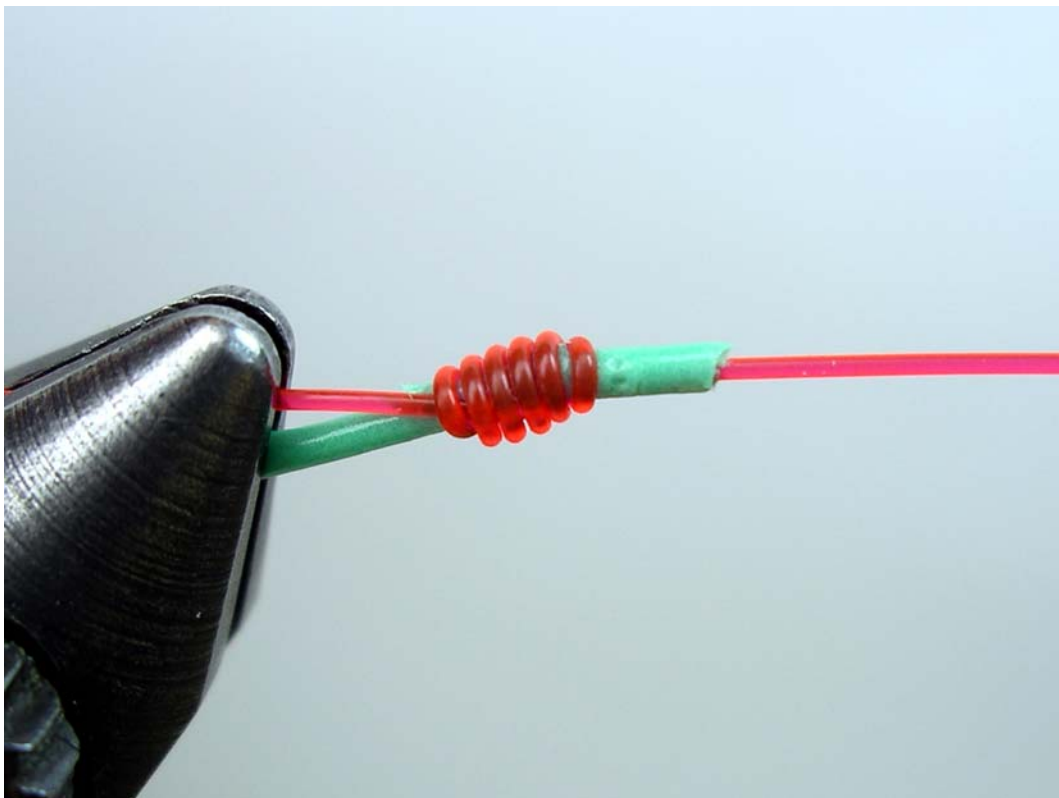
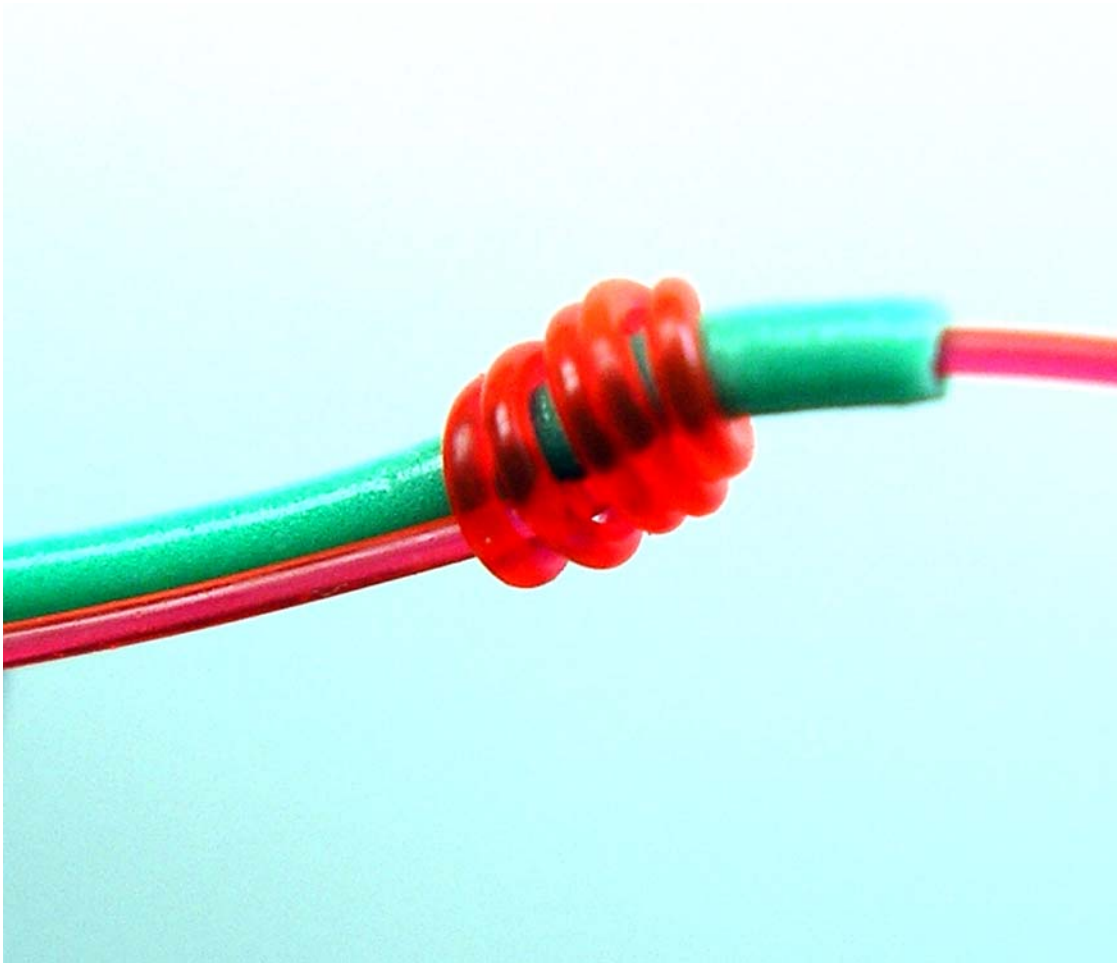


On the above photo: While pulling the tag end do not let loose the grip on the knot until the loop is pulled all the way in.

Then move the thumb to expose the wraps but getting a firm grip as shown in the photo below; Now pulling the line on the right will tighten the knot from the left. We need to make sure that 2 wraps are in front of the break of the flyline( where the Amnesia or the leader came out)



The photo above shows the line being pulled light from both ends. Do not pull very tight. Work the wraps by pushing them together with thumb nails. Then tighten.



Use a pair of pliers to hold the tag end on the left and pull from the right to finish tightening the knot. Make a loop on the Amnesia for a loop to loop connection with the leader. Nip off the excess tag end on the left and apply glue on the knot and the open end of the fly line.

Attaching the Leader directly to the fly line.

This eliminates the need of Amnesia. Put the needle through the line. Now thread the leader with the tippet end through the eye of the needle. Then pull the leader all the way to the butt end. Proceed wrapping the knot.

Leader directly thru fly line:



