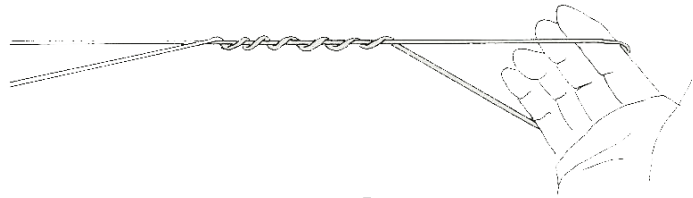


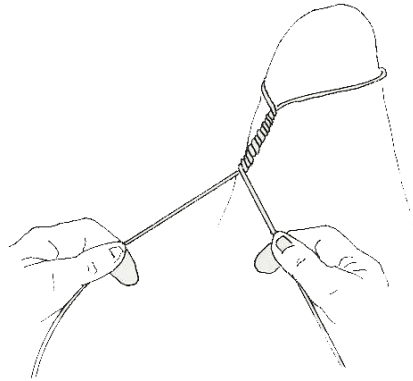
Bimini Twist Knot

The Bimini Twist knot is used to double the smaller line, such as the backing or the class tippet, to make a strong connection to the larger-diameter fly line. The Bimini is a 100% knot that maintains the full strength of the line.

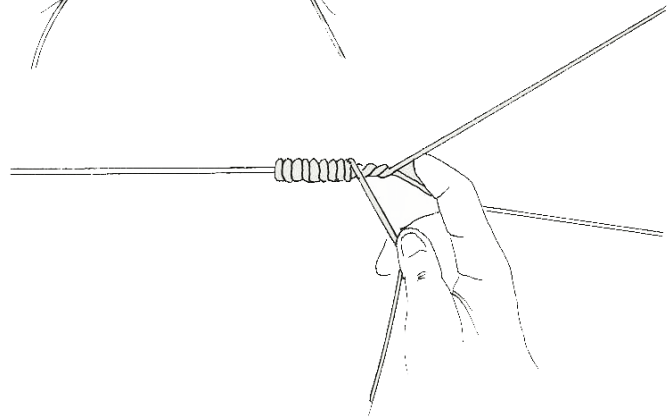
Hold the end of the backing line against the standing part of the line with your left hand to form a loop about 2' long, with a tag end another foot or so. Place your right hand inside the loop and rotate it at least 20 times, each turn putting one more twist in the loop. Place the loop over your foot or knee. (If you insist on using one of the super-braid lines as backing, double the number of twists in your Bimini.)



Moisten the twisted backing line with saliva. Wrap the standing line around your left thumb two or three times to keep it tight.



Holding the tag end in your right hand, place your left forefinger inside the loop and “lift” against the loop, tightening the twists against each other. If you have small hands, you may have to use your right forefinger instead. The tag end and the standing line will be held at right angles to each other (90 degrees or a bit less).



Pull the tag end to increase the angle to more than 90 degrees, then allow the tag end to wrap over the twists and back down the “Y” in the loop. Space the first few turns a bit apart from each other, then run the rest of the turns tight against each other all the way to the “Y”. *Spacing the first few turns is very important.* If you don't, your Bimini is liable to break right where the turns begin.

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Anchor the tag end in place with a half hitch around one leg of the loop, then tie one or two more half hitches around both legs of the loop.

Finish with a triple half hitch or clinch knot around both legs of the loop.

Pull the tag end tight with a pair of pliers and trim, leaving a short ¼-inch tag.

Now you have doubled the backing line with a Bimini twist.

