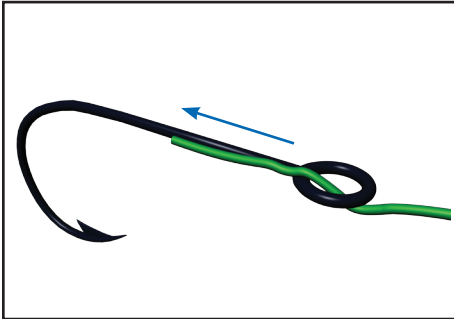
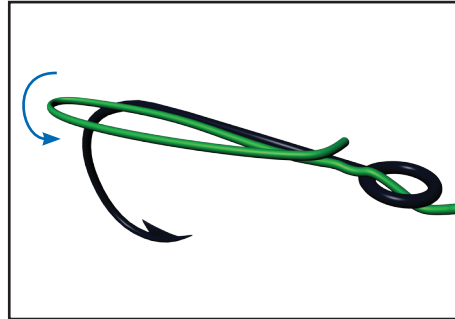




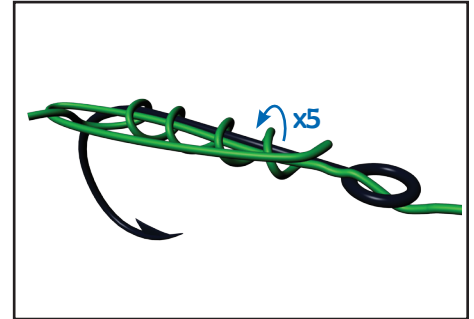
Snell Knot



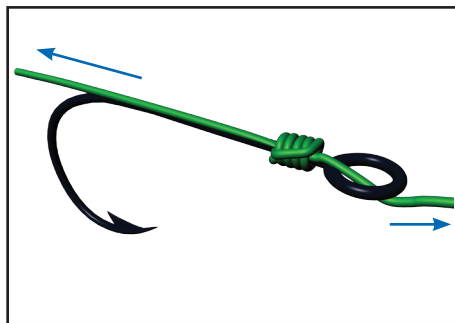
Step 1 Pass the end of the leader through the eye.



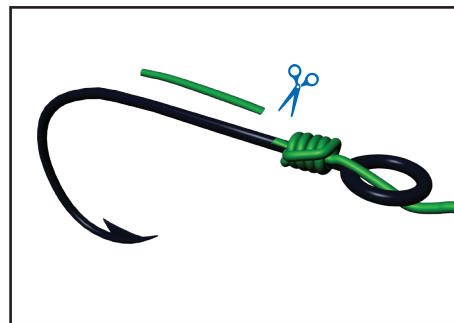
Step 2 Grip the eye and both parts of the line. Loop the tag end along the shaft and back towards the standing end.



Step 3 Wrap the loop around the shank of the hook 5 or 6 times.



Step 4 Shrink the loop by pulling on the standing end. Lubricate and pull both ends to tighten the knot.



Step 5 Trim the tag ends.

Uses: The Snell Knot provides a strong connection when fishing with bait and using a separate length of leader. You can only use a Snell Knot with a leader.

Tying it: The Snell knot requires wrapping a loop around the hook. When tightening the knot, hold the turns under your fingers to ensure they snug down neatly.

Advantages: The Snell Knot is one of the older knots and is claimed to provide a reliable connection which preserves the strength of the line - particularly if the thickness of the eye is greater than the line diameter. The real advantage to the Snell Knot is the cushioning it provides to the leader when pulling hard on a fish.