

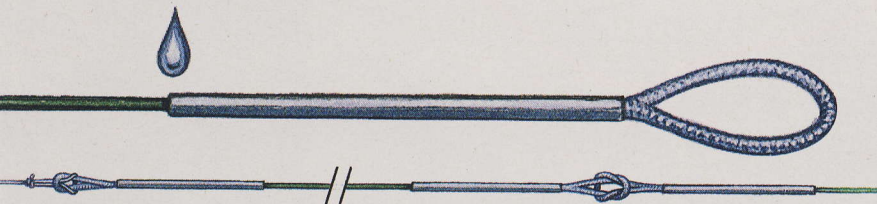
▲ **INGENIOUS OUTDOORSMAN**

CHANGE ON THE FLY

The fastest way to rig a sink-tip line

» **MOVING FROM A SHALLOW RIFFLE** to a deep pool usually means switching from a floating line to a sink-tip line. This involves changing your spool, restringing, and rerigging—a time-gobbling task, especially when fish are rising. Avoid the hassle and get up and running in seconds by using an interchangeable sink-tip. Here's how to make one.

—TOM KEER



[1] CUT A PIECE OF RUNNING LINE from an old sinking line. A good rule of thumb is 5 feet for shallow water, 10 feet for mid-depths, and 15 feet for deep water. Vary the length for individual streams or current speeds.

[2] TAKE A BRAIDED LOOP (\$5 for a pack of six) and work the Chinese finger-lock over the line as far as it will go. Slide the tube over the braid.

[3] APPLY A DROP OF INSTANT GLUE to seal the deal.

[4] USE A LOOP-TO-LOOP CONNECTION to attach the sink-tip to the fly line, and then the leader to the sink-tip.

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EARLY-SEASON HUNTERS

often spy greenish pinpricks of light in the glare of headlamps. It's not sparkling dew. By September, young spiders born throughout the spring and summer have matured into adults. Many of these are **wolf spiders**, which sport large eyes that reflect light with an eyeshine not unlike that of deer and other mammals. There are hundreds of wolf spider species known in North America, and sometimes it seems as if they're all on the path to your tree stand. You're not the only one stalking the autumn woods.



Arachnid eyes have even more tricks. A few species have lenses with a light-polarizing action that allows the spider to navigate by sensing the sun's direction and angle. Jumping spiders boast of three different sets of eyes: wide angle, magnifying, and a pair that aid in distance computation. That comes in handy since these little buggers can jump up to 30 times their own length.

—T. EDWARD NICKENS

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