

LARRY'S LIZARD

An Outstanding Sub-surface Bass Fly



Articulated Bass Fly
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MATERIALS LIST

Thread: Danville Monocord, black or a 6/0
or 3/0 tying thread

Hooks: Front - 5XL Streamer Hook
Rear - Mustad 3366 #2

Weed Guard: 40# monofilament

Flash: Red flash fiber of choice

Twisted Flash - Peacock

Tail: Magnum Rabbit Strip - Black

Body: Large Black/Pearl-Peacock or Black
Cactus Chenille or Estaz

Articulation Joint: Beadalon .018mm 19-wire

Silicone Skirt: Spirit River Metallic Blue
or equivalent blue on black fishscale

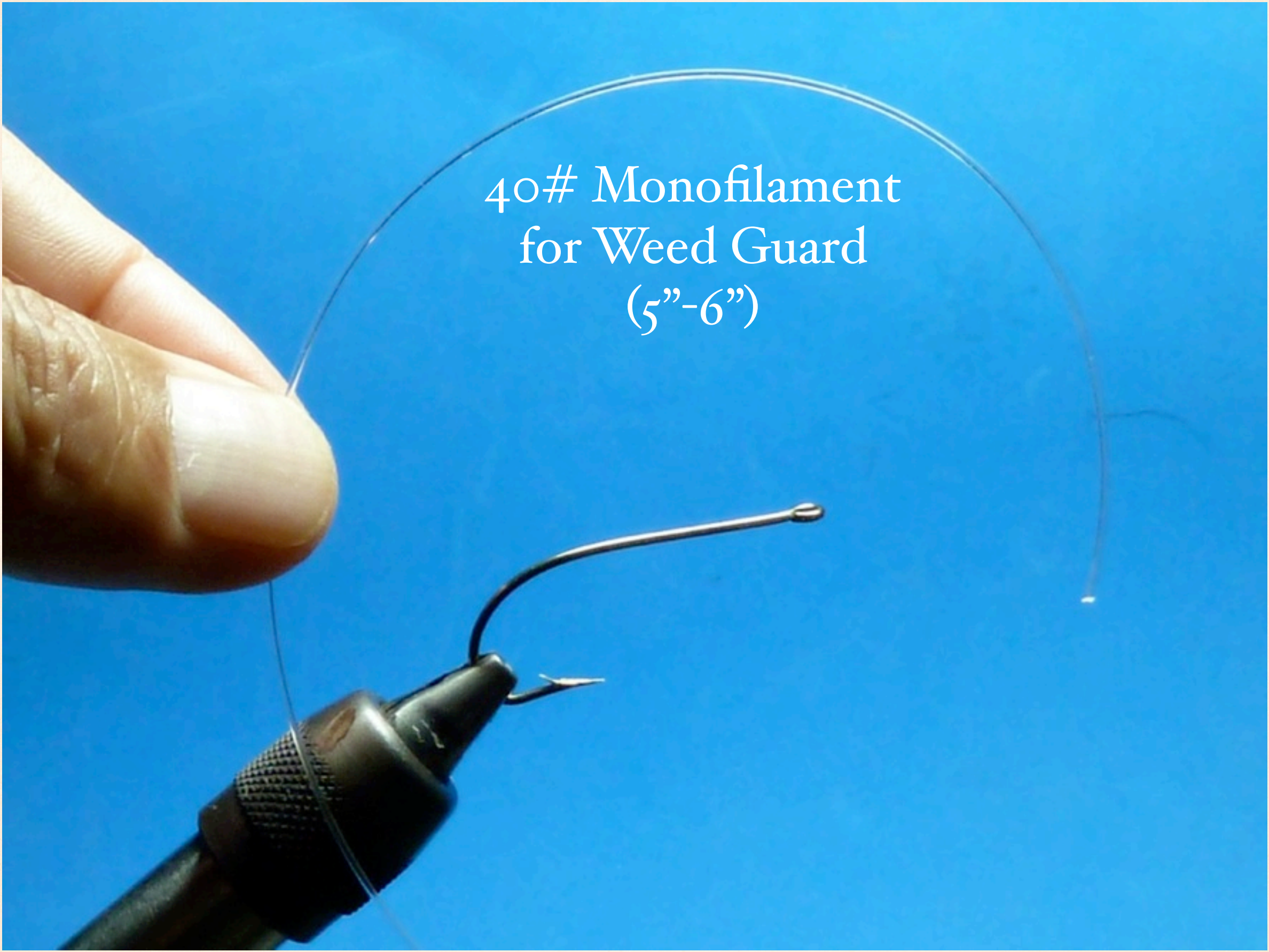
Conehead: 11 mm Silver conehead with eyes



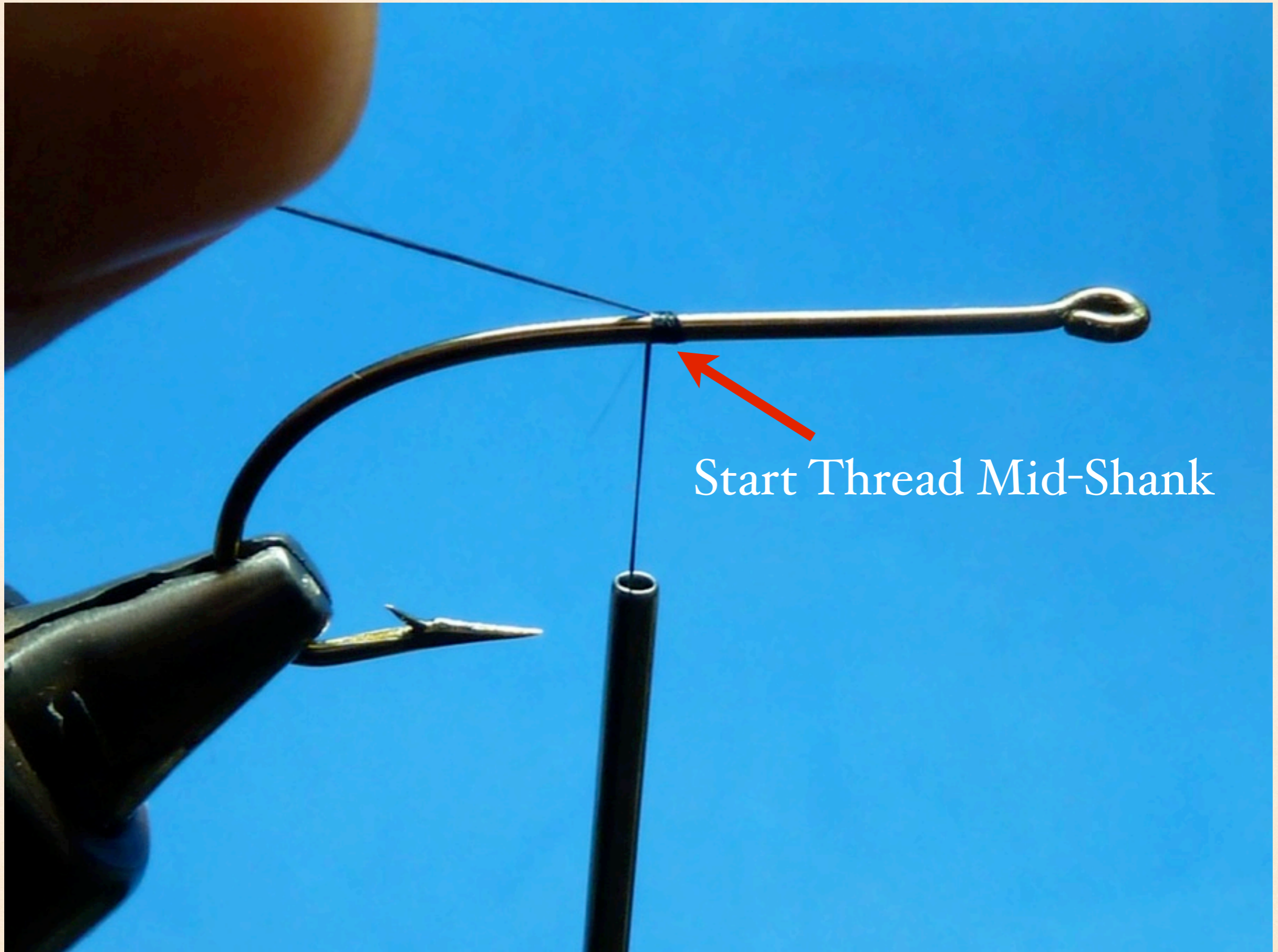




REAR HOOK
Mustad 3366 #2
or any equivalent
wide-gape
straight eye hook

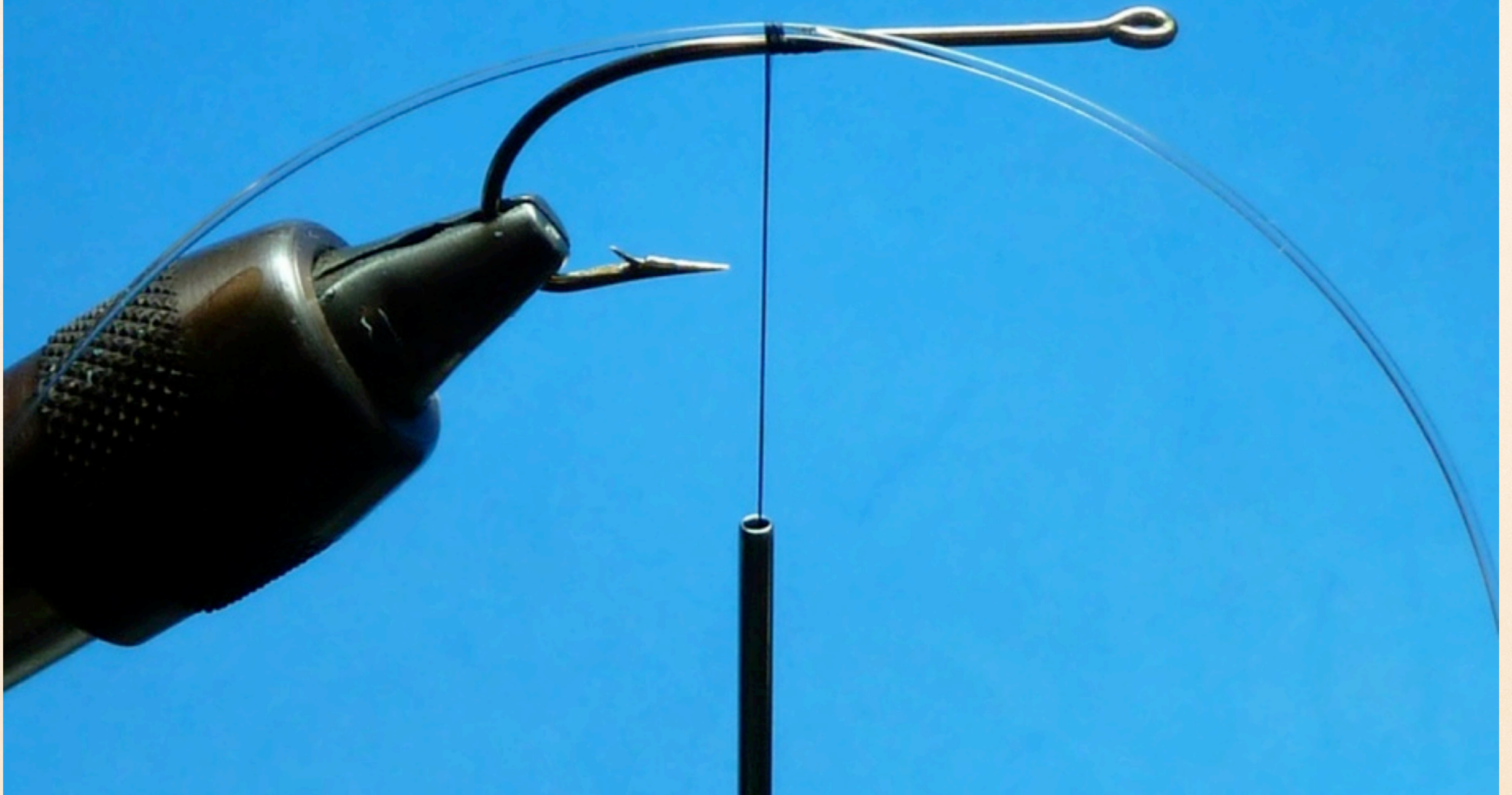


40# Monofilament
for Weed Guard
(5"-6")

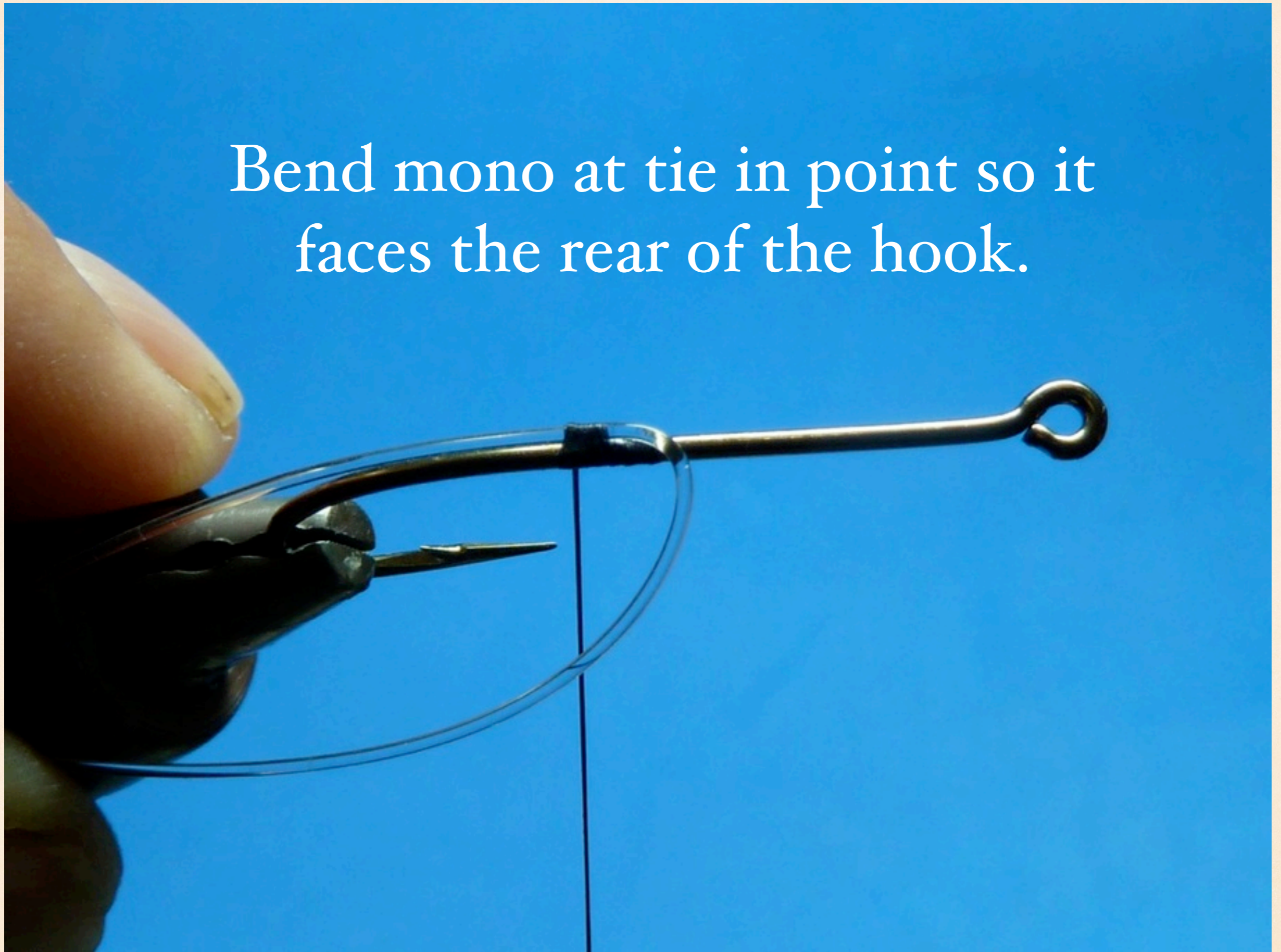


Start Thread Mid-Shank

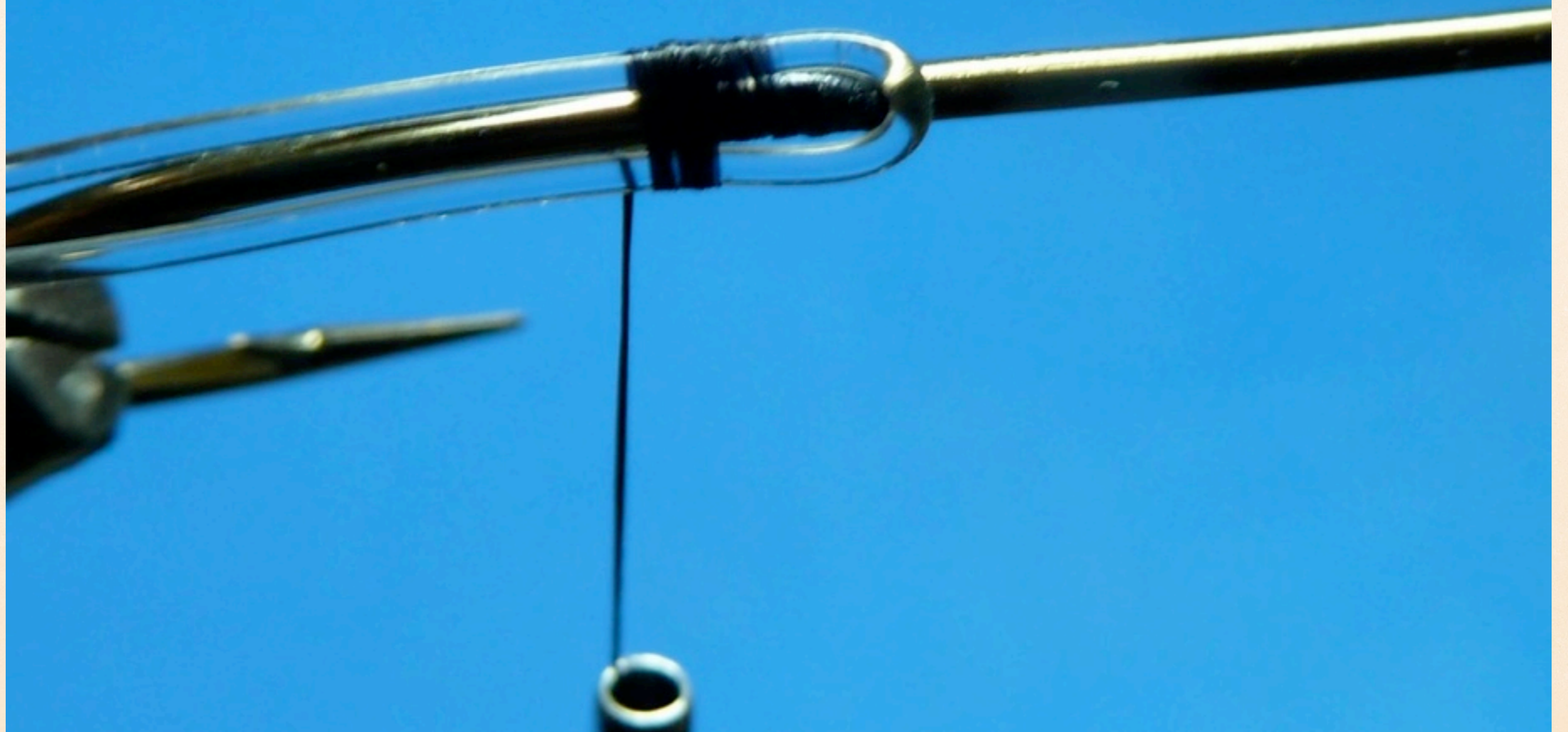
Tie in and anchor the middle of the 40# mono.



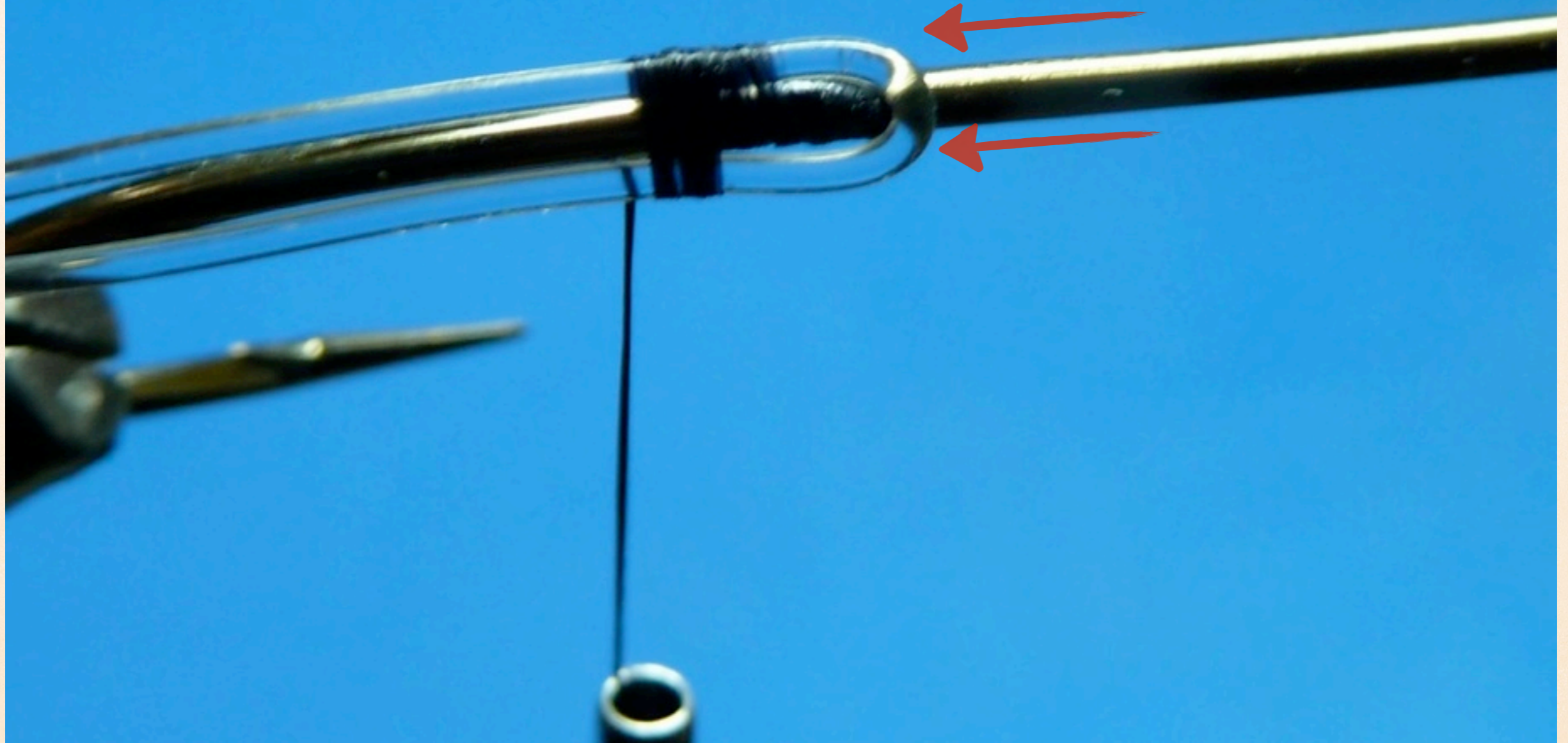
Bend mono at tie in point so it
faces the rear of the hook.



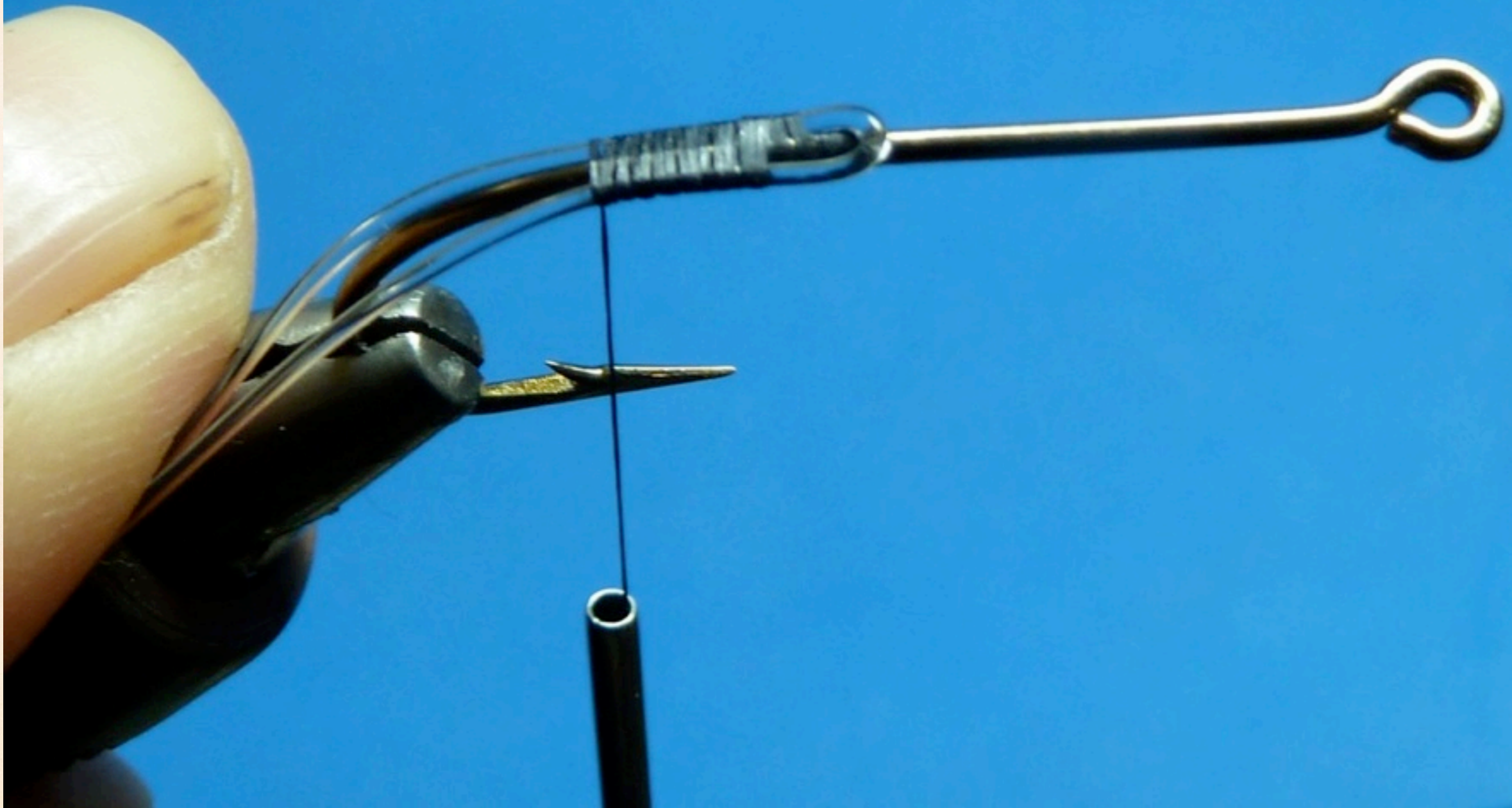
Bind folded-over mono to hook
shank with thread wraps.



Top view of hook showing how mono lies on each side of shank.



Pull both ends of mono to rear of hook
and wind thread back toward the bend.



IMPORTANT!

Note where thread wraps end.



Do not wind thread into
the BACK of the bend.

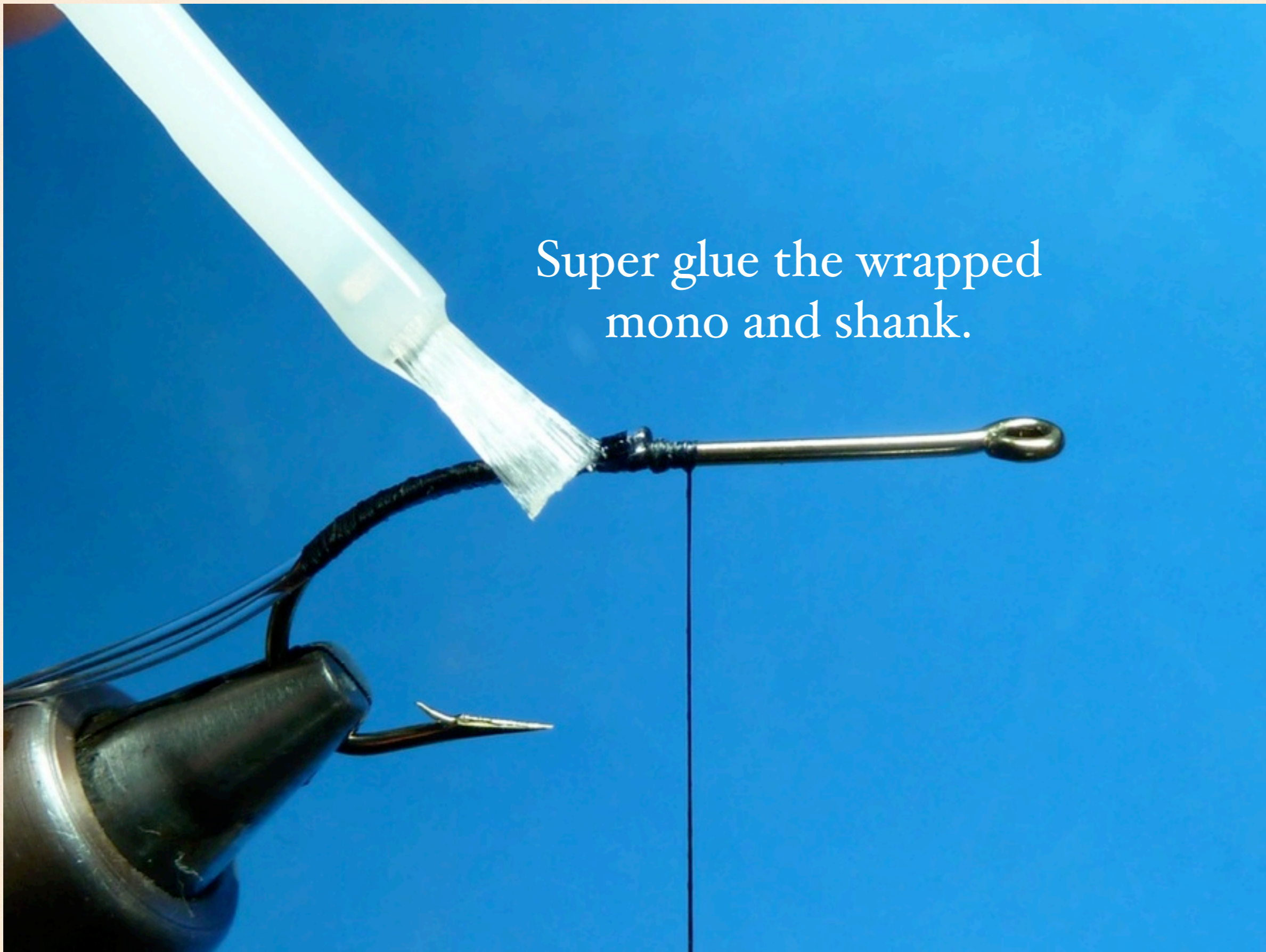



Wind thread forward.

Wind to just forward of where
the mono is folded.



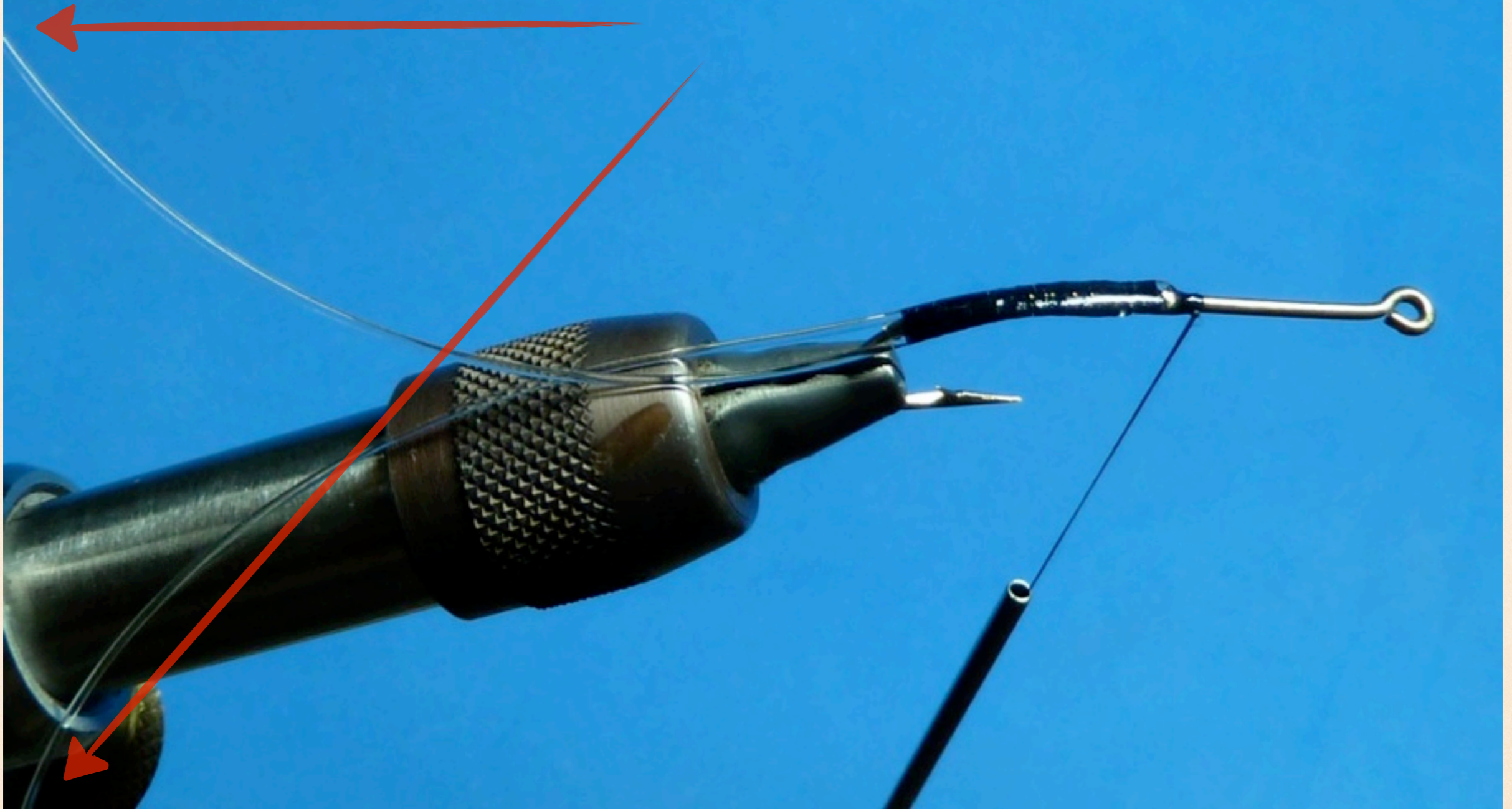
Super glue the wrapped
mono and shank.

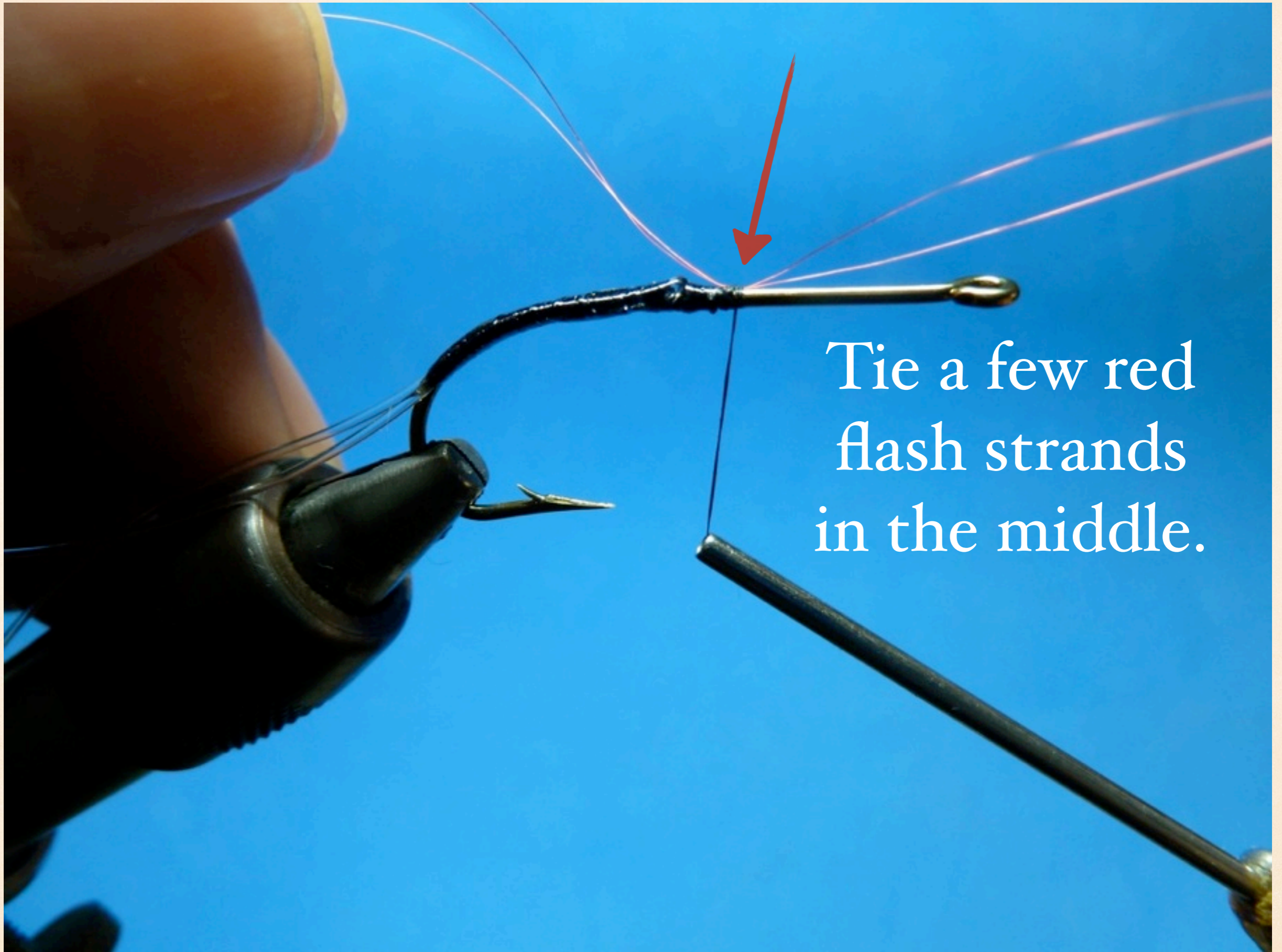




Use super glue
all around
the wrapped shank

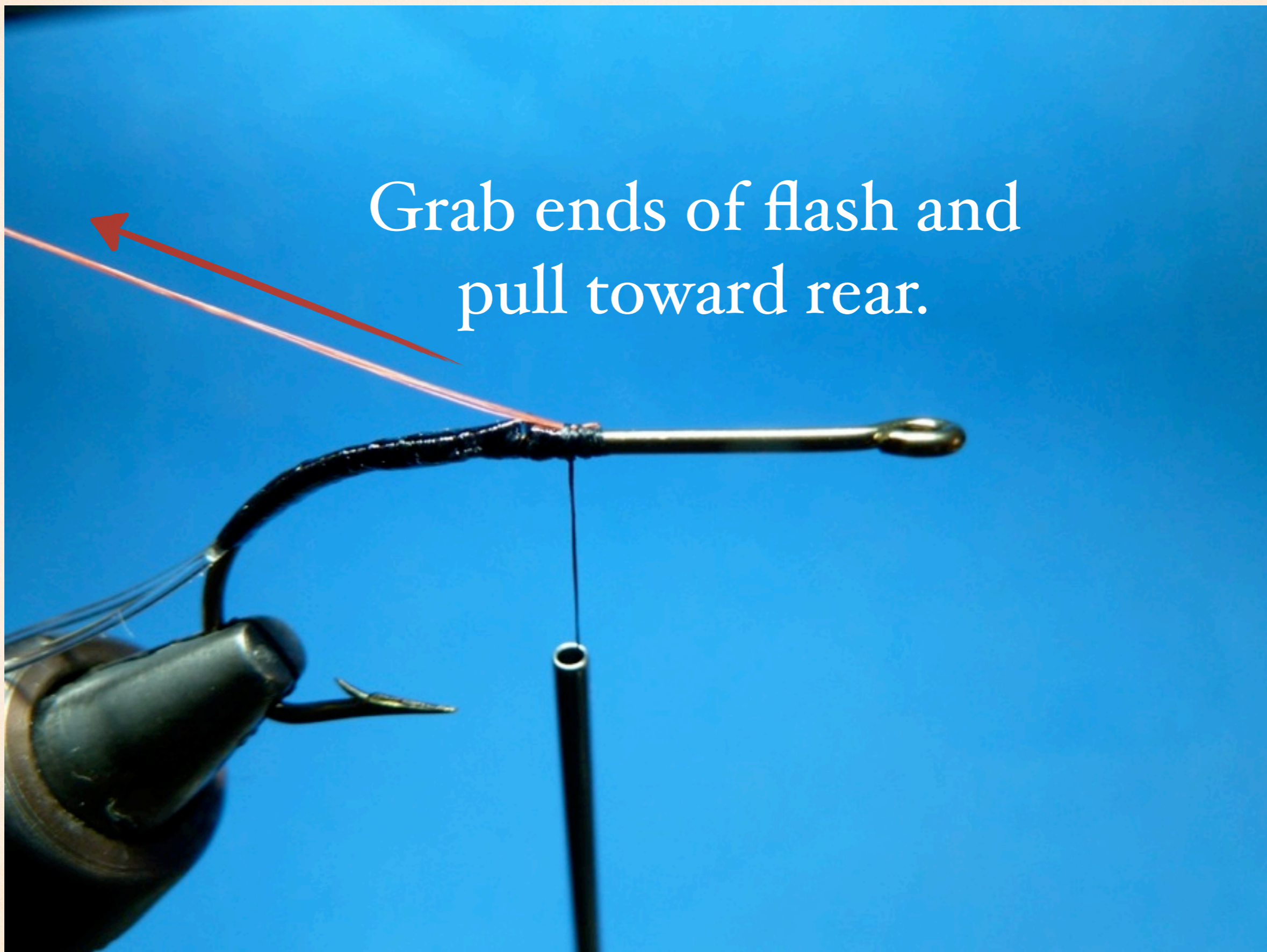
Wide view showing tails of mono extending behind hook.



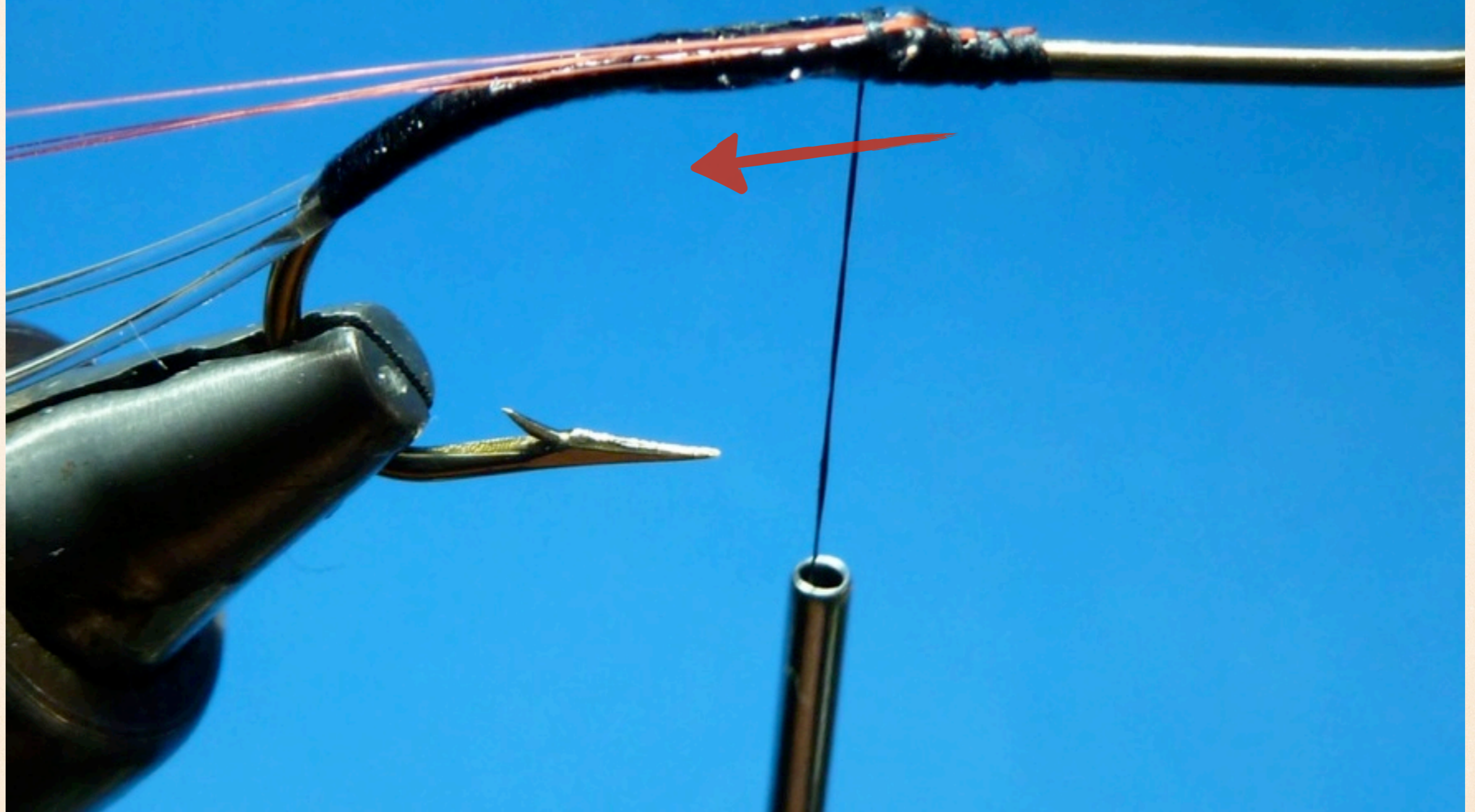


Tie a few red
flash strands
in the middle.

Grab ends of flash and
pull toward rear.

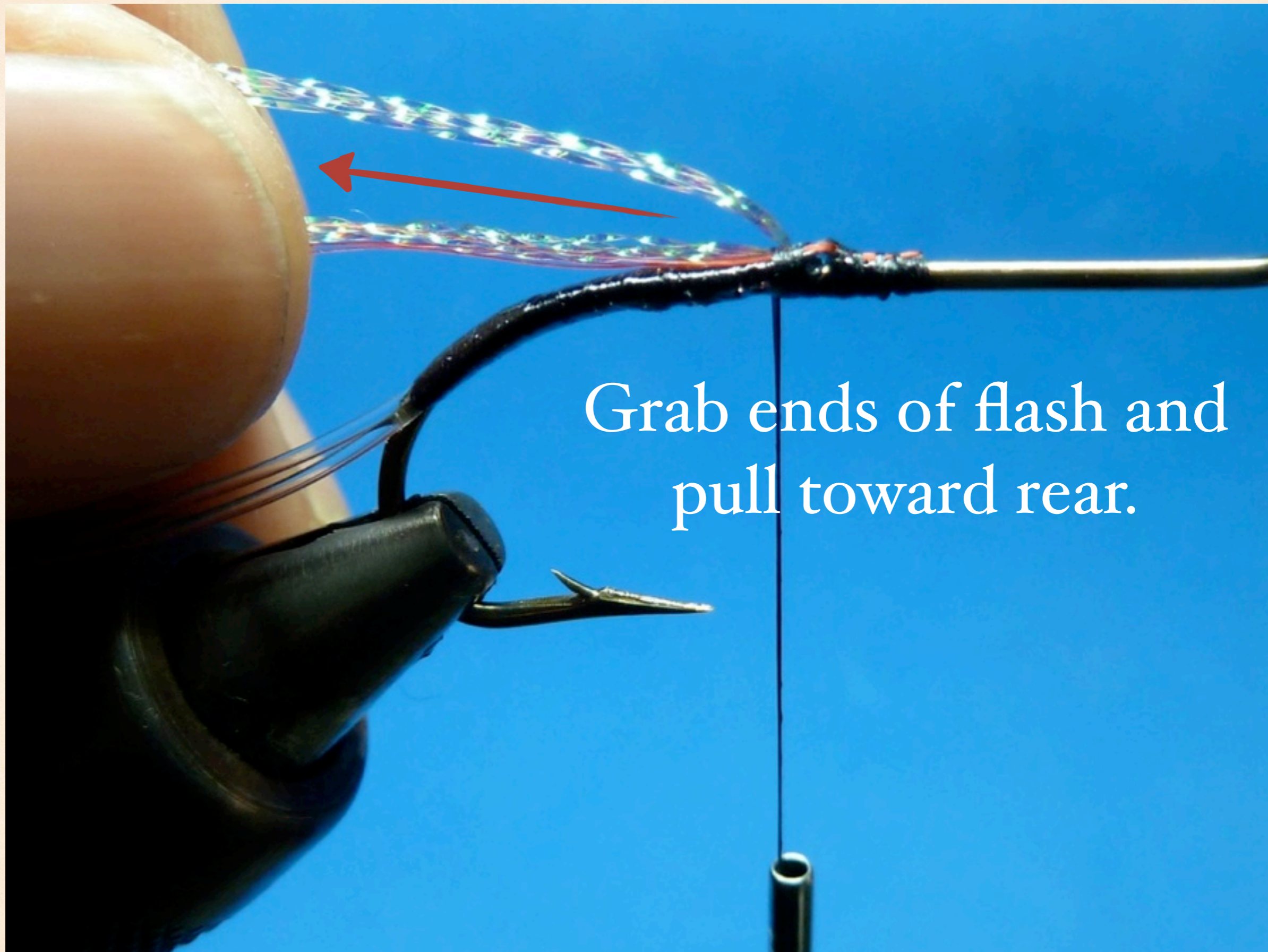


Wrap over the folded flash
to secure to shank.

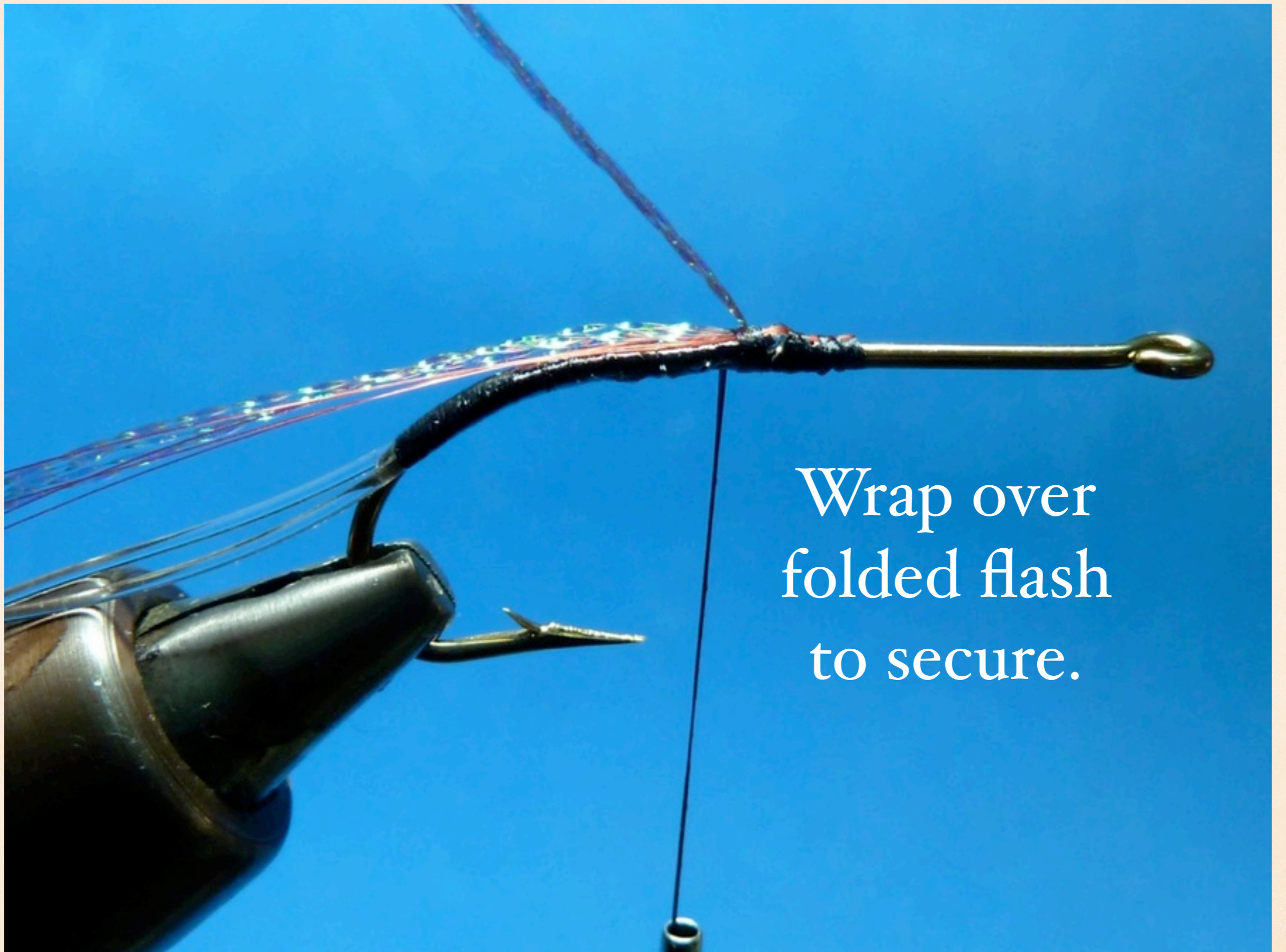




Tie 3 to 6 strands of
peacock twisted flash
by the middle of the bundle.



Grab ends of flash and
pull toward rear.



Wrap over
folded flash
to secure.

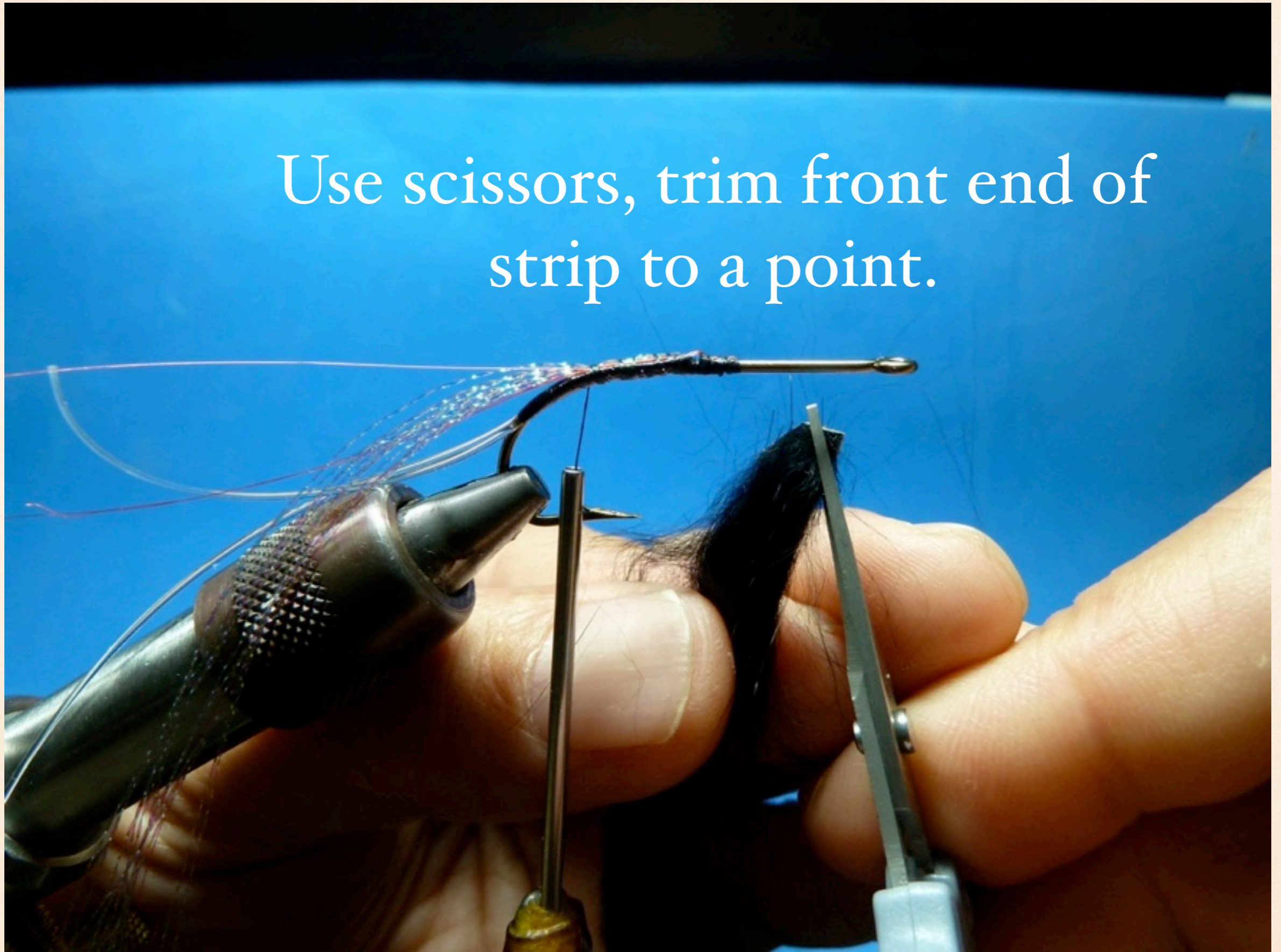
Wrap all flash to very rear of straight part of the hook shank.



Shown is magnum rabbit strip,
about 4 inches long.



Use scissors, trim front end of strip to a point.







Tie in magnum strip
securely over flash.

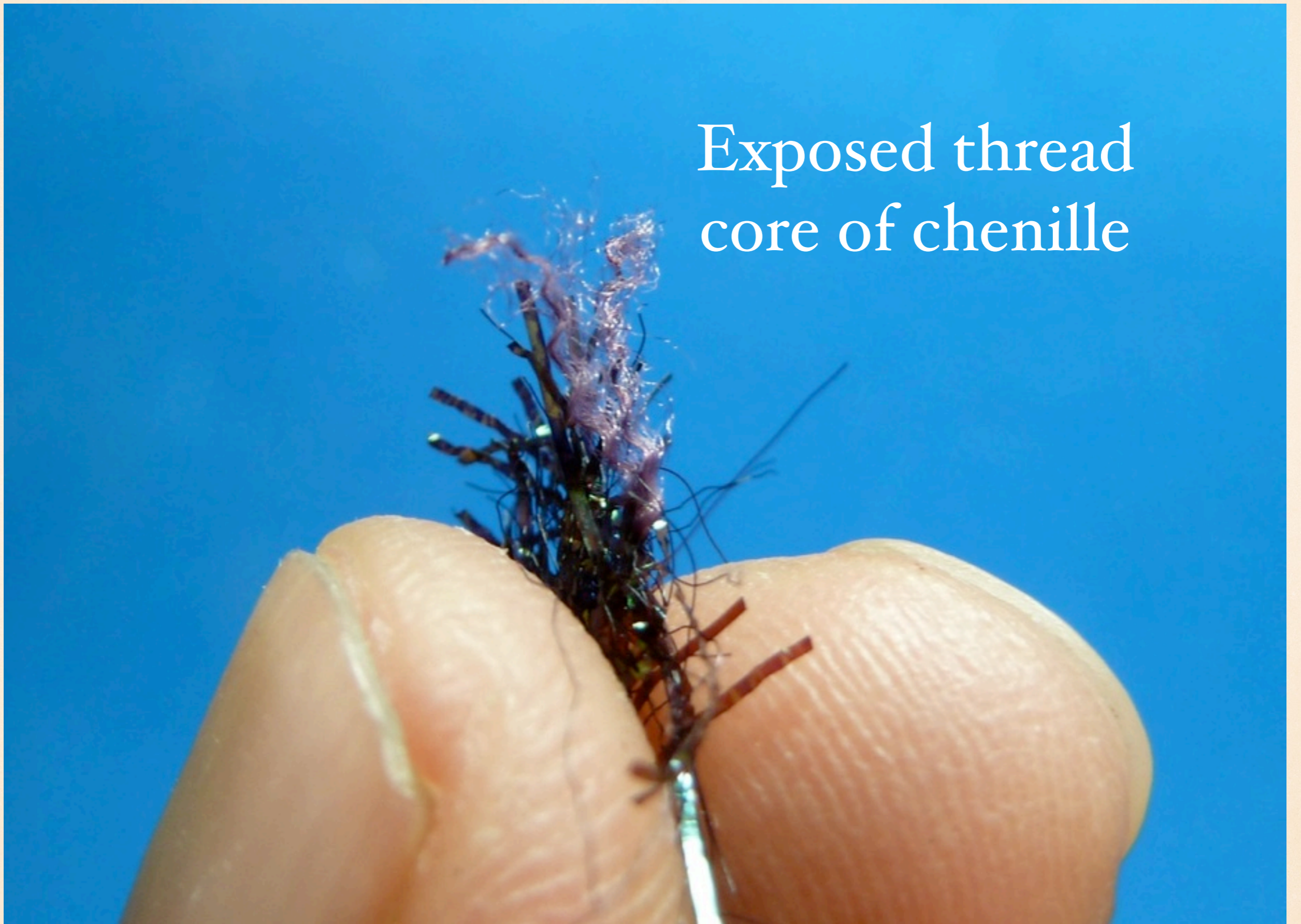


Super glue
the tie-in



Pull out flash strands
from end of
Cactus Chenille

Exposed thread
core of chenille



Tie in thread
core of chenille.






Advance thread to just
behind hook eye.

Palmer chenille forward while
using fingers to sweep fibers
out of the way of wraps.



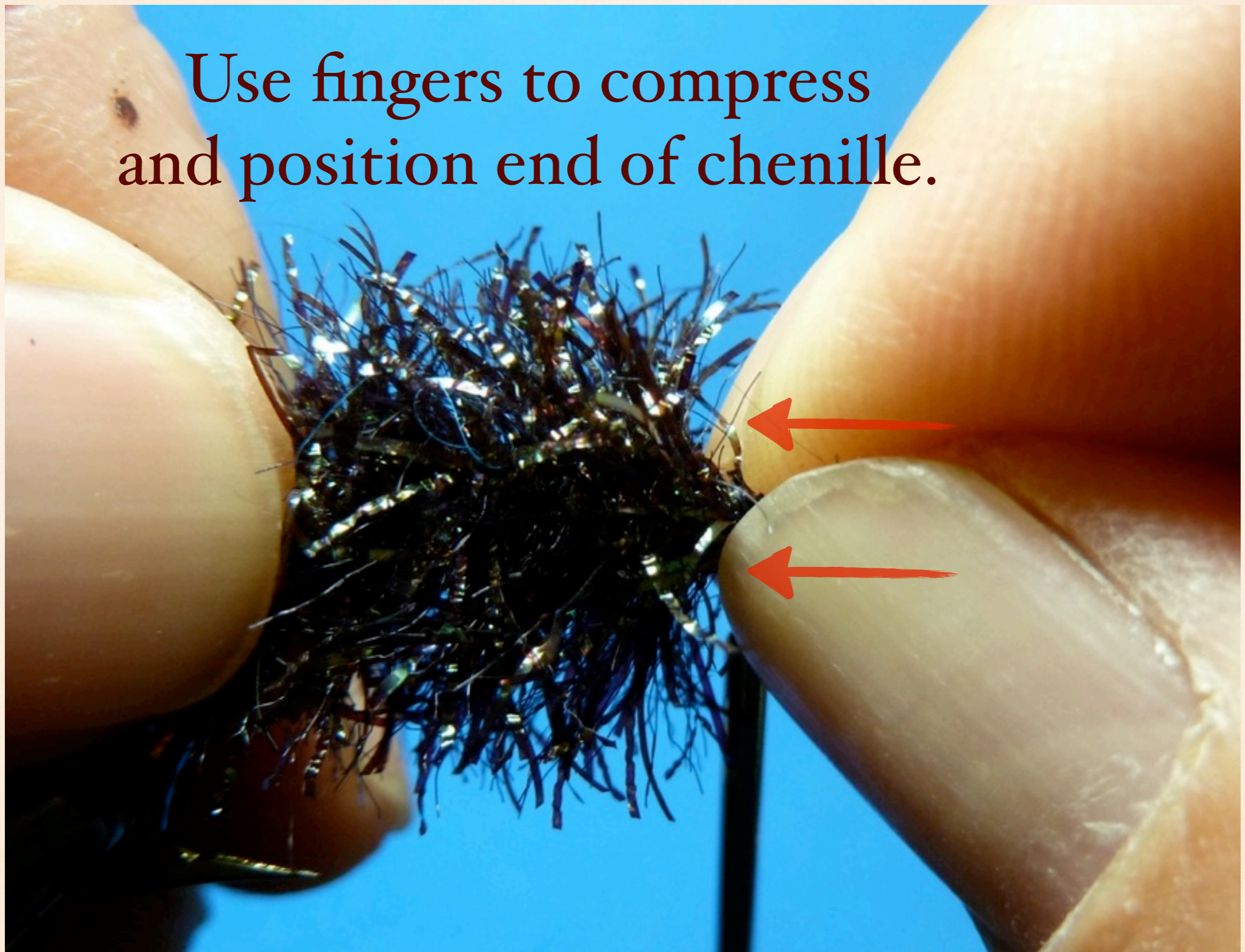


Tie in chenille
1/8" behind
hook eye.



Use scissors to trim
off excess chenille.

Use fingers to compress and position end of chenille.

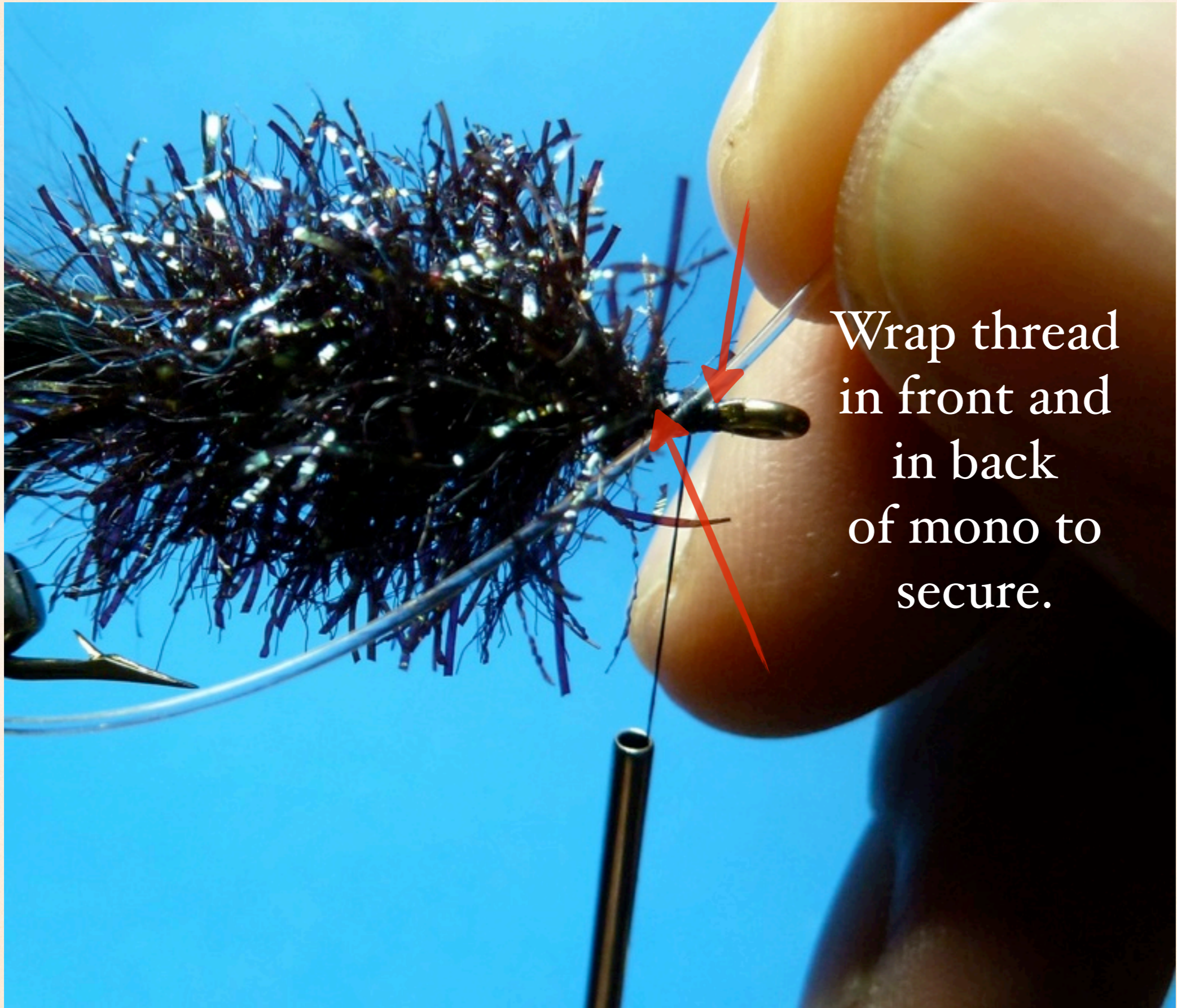




Super glue
the “head”.

Grab end of mono
on side of shank
nearest you.





Wrap thread
in front and
in back
of mono to
secure.



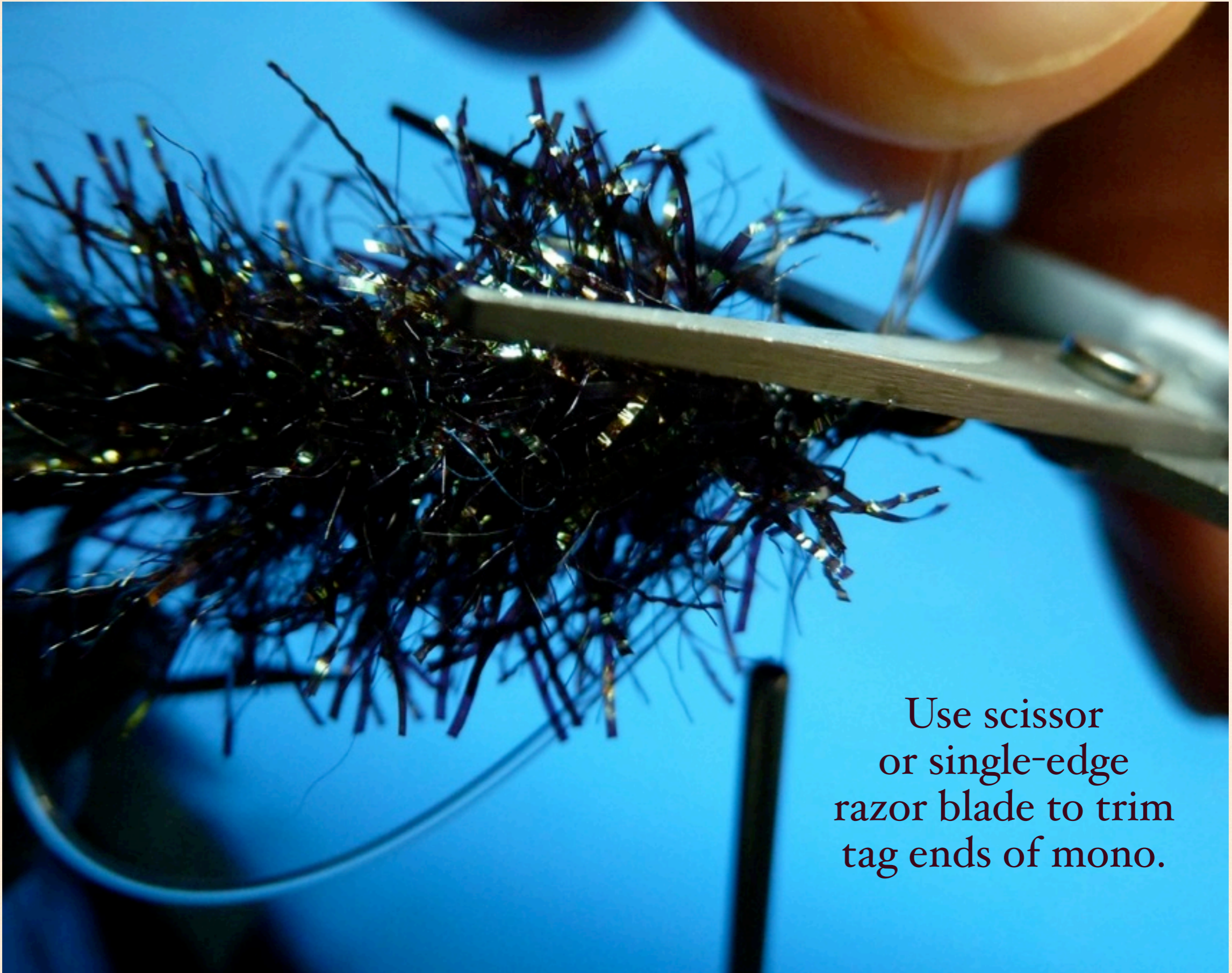
To position and flare the
weed guard loop, pull and
twist the mono.



Repeat the procedure
for the mono on
other side of hook shank.

Bottom view of properly formed and flared
double mono weed guard.

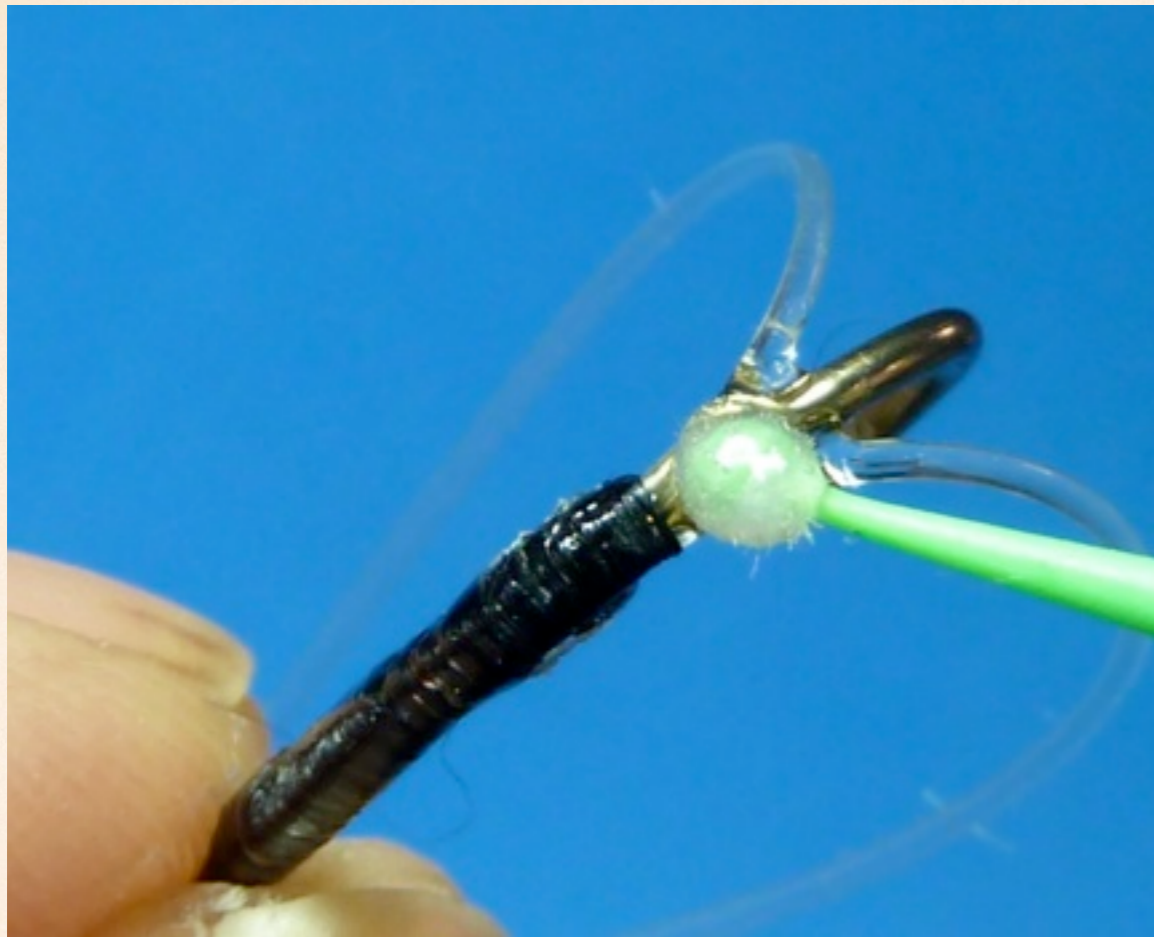




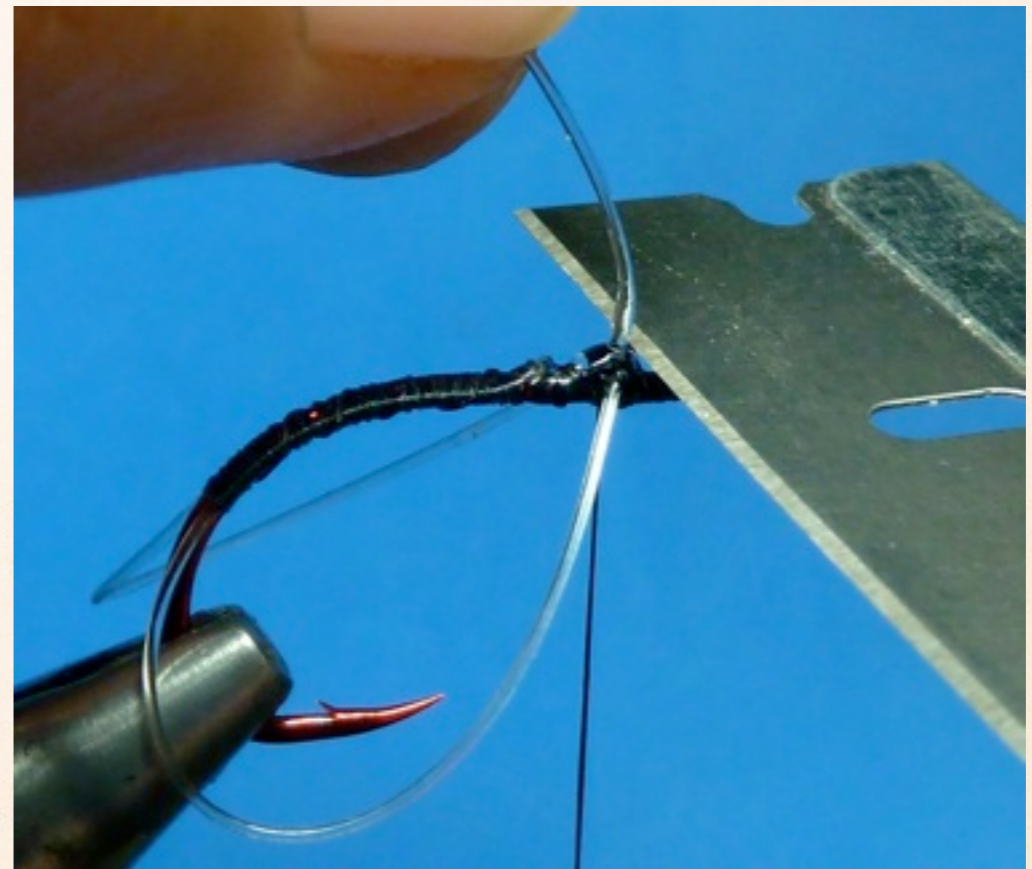
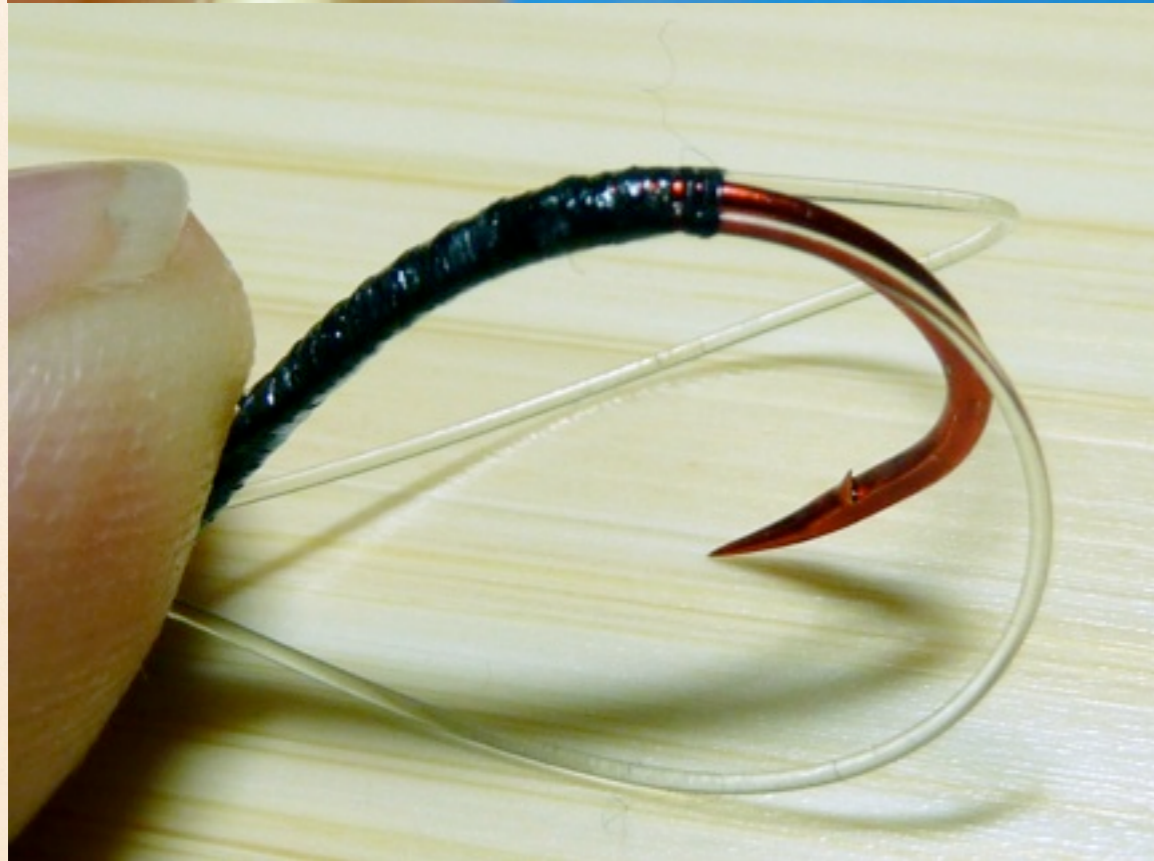
Use scissor
or single-edge
razor blade to trim
tag ends of mono.



Super glue
trimmed mono
“head”.

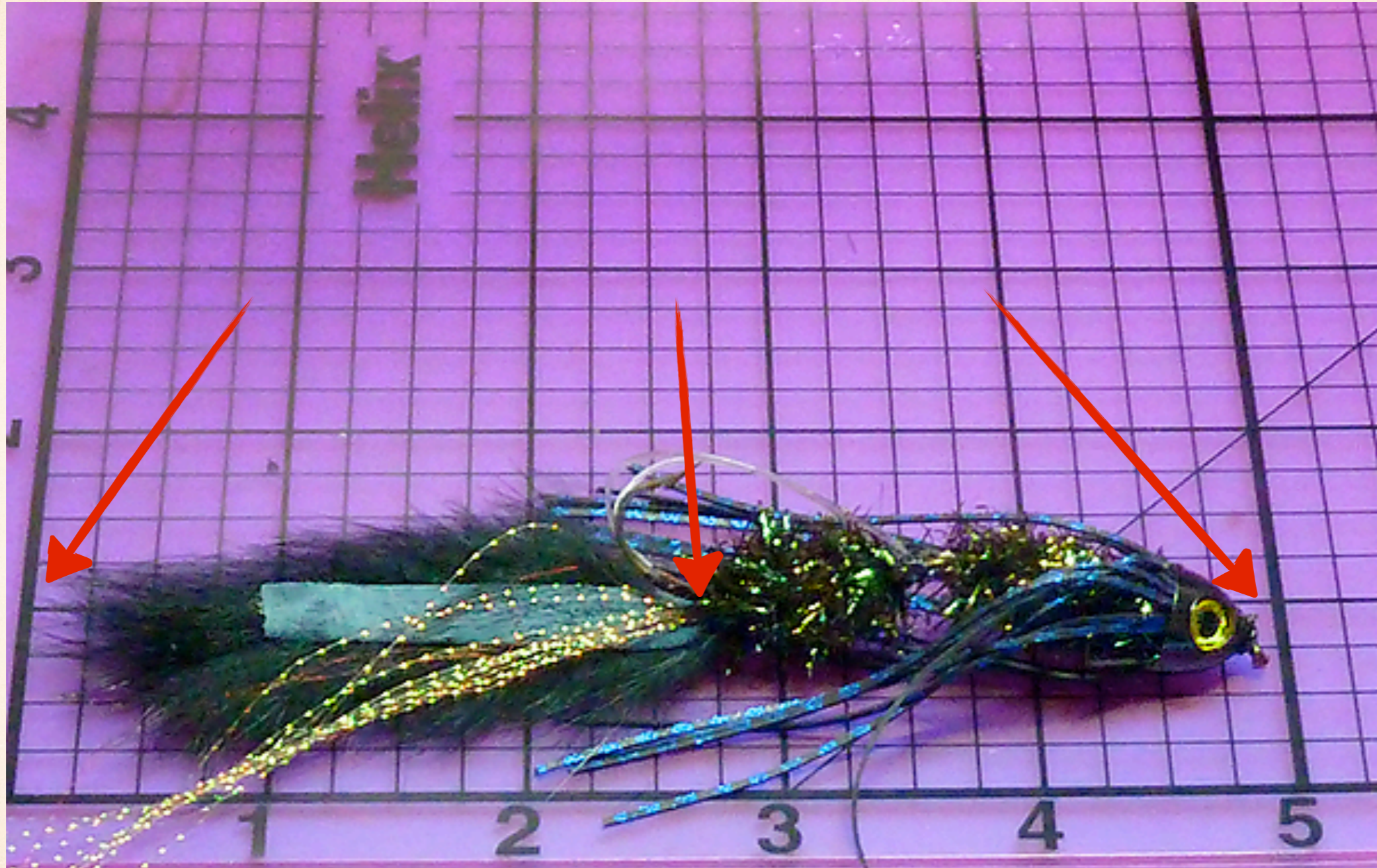


For additional tips, check out the “Working with Weed Guards” tutorial.





Rear portion of
articulated fly.



Proportions: Cut tail so that length of tail from tip to tie-in point is equal to body plus head length. For this fly the tail is slightly over 2-3/4”.



Carefully divide fur to expose skin of strip.



Trim hide without cutting fur. This gives you a nice taper to the end of the tail.



Trim flash randomly
so that some fibers
project 1/4"
beyond tail.



Beadalon is nylon covered stainless steel wire. Variety used for this fly is 19-wire, .018mm 17# test.

Beadalon can be found at craft stores.

Basic front hook is a straight shanked
and 5XL or 4XL streamer hook.
If possible, a straight eye,
but that is not critical.



Start thread a third back from
the head

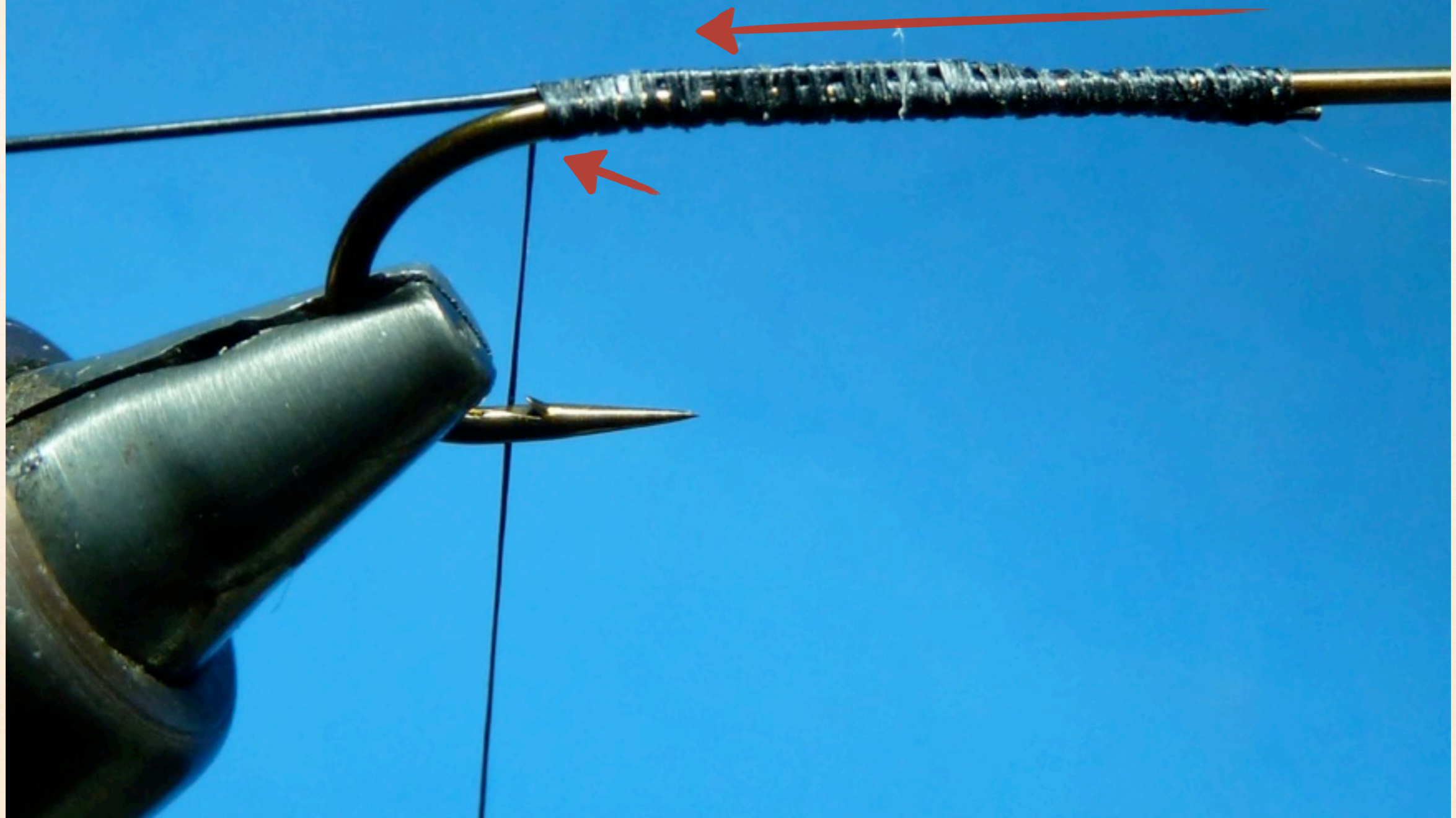
Cover hook shank to
above the hook point.



Tie in Beadalon and
wind thread to the start point.



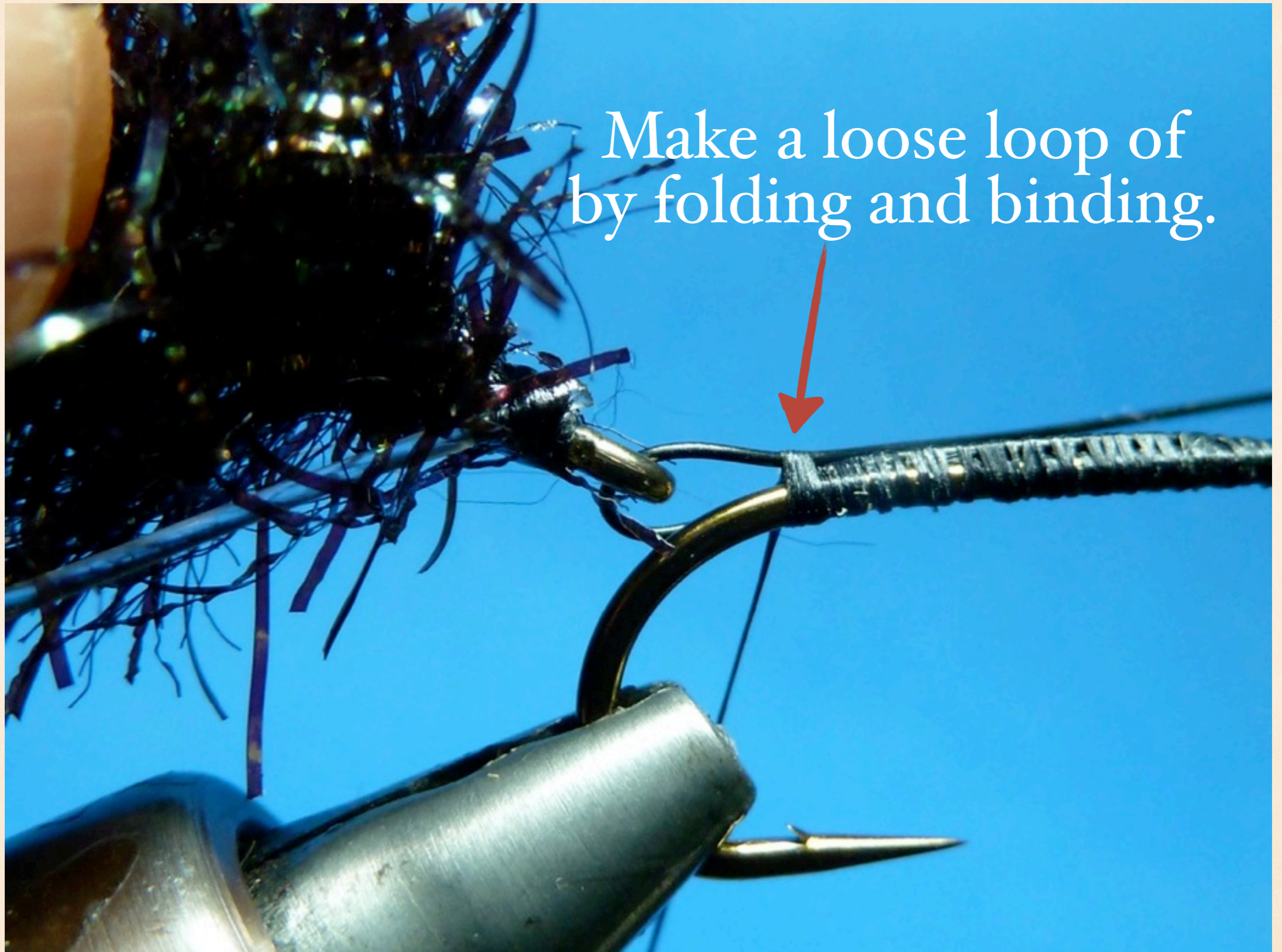
Wind thread back to the
Beadalon tie in point.



Loop Beadalon through
rear hook eye.



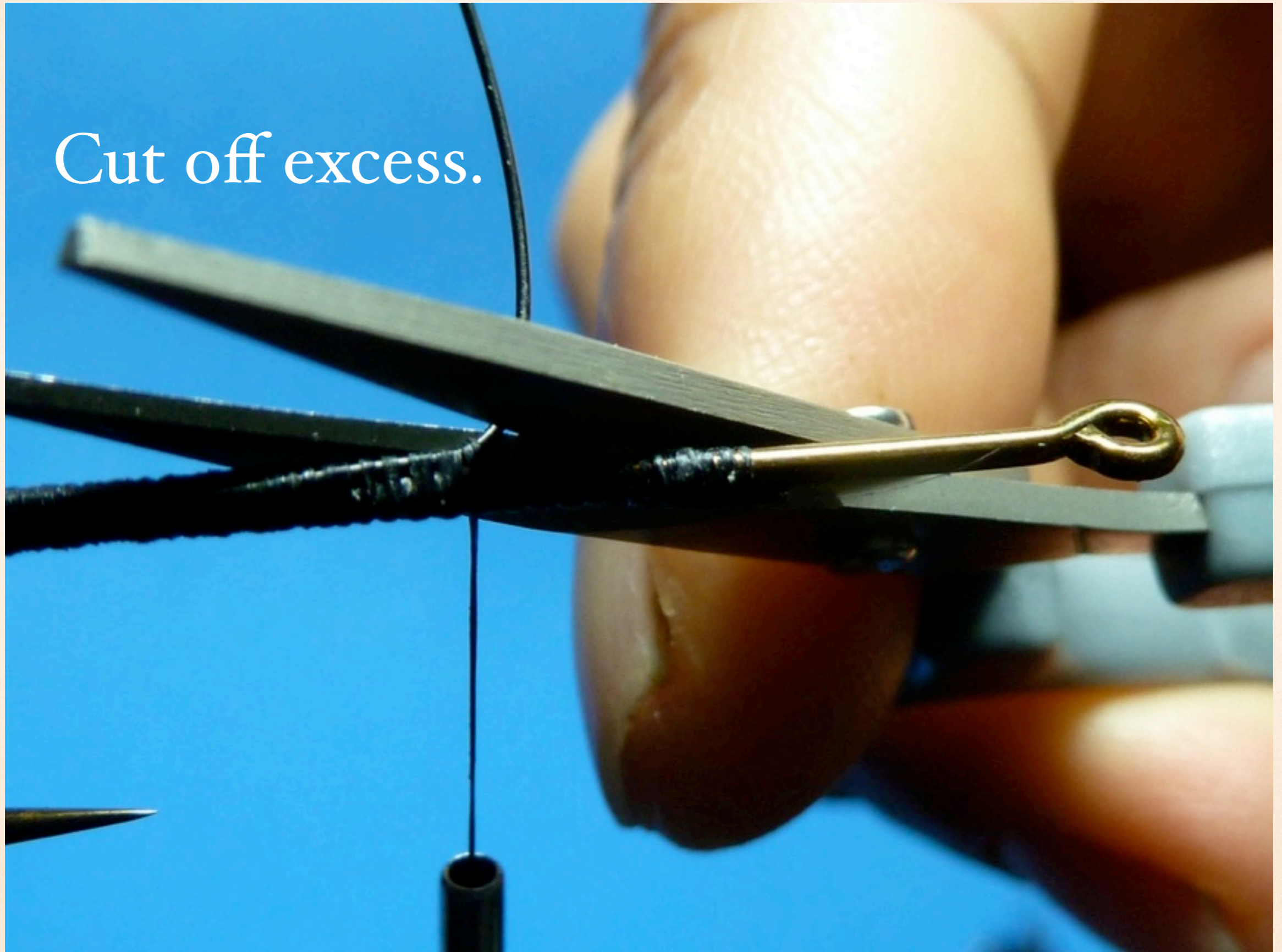
Make a loose loop of
by folding and binding.



Pull tag of Beadalon
to tighten, then cover
with tight wraps.



Cut off excess.



Super glue
the wraps.



Tie in thread
core of chenille.



Advance thread to
behind hook eye.



Palmer chenille to behind hook eye.



Compress thread and chenille.



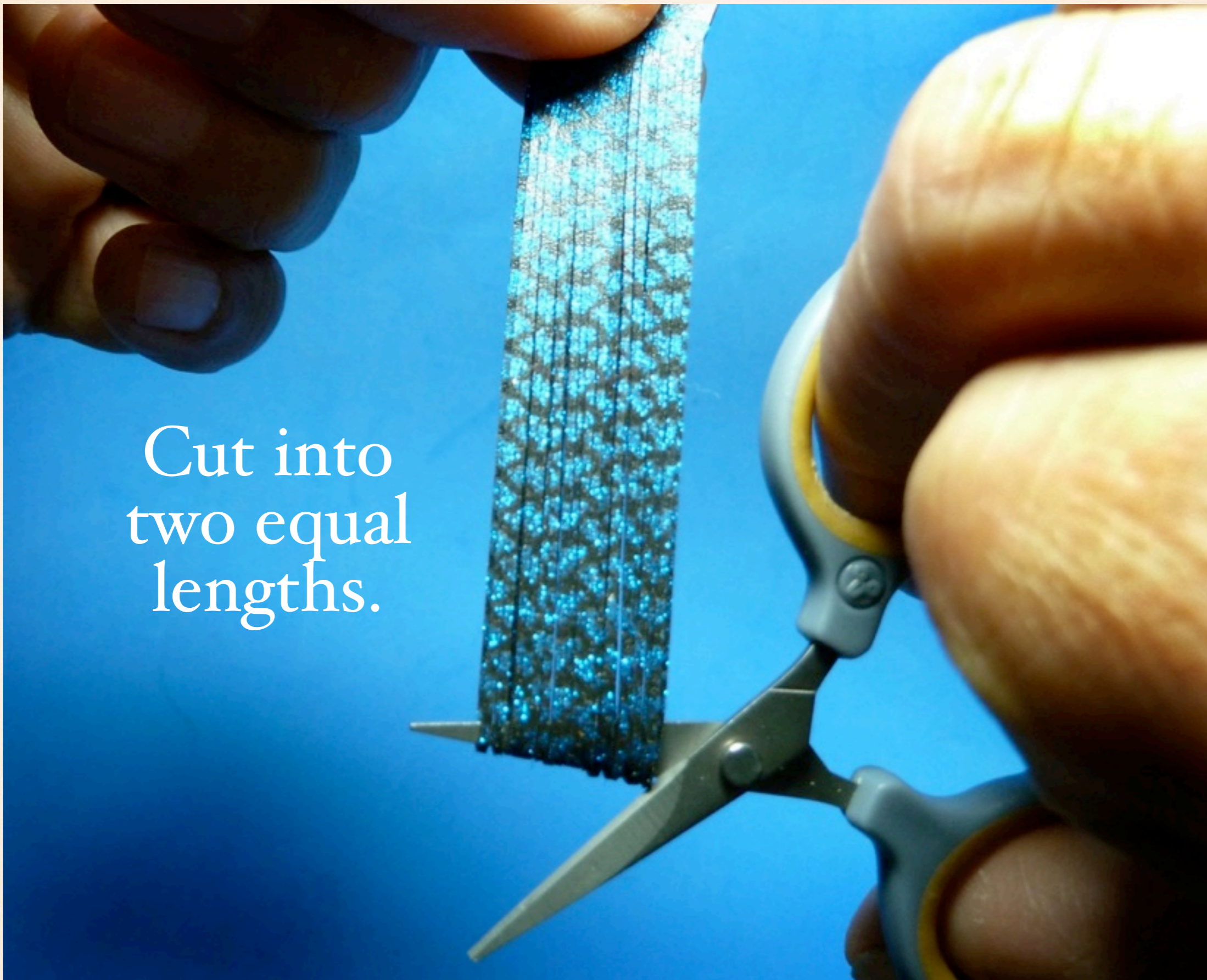
Leave $\frac{3}{16}$ " space behind eye.





Fold silicone
skirt
in half.

Cut into
two equal
lengths.





Cut halves in
half again.



Four equal pieces
ready to tie in.





Tie first strip on side nearest you.

Repeat for top section,
back side, bottom.





Super glue the head.



Apply glue all-around
to base
of silicone strands.



Slip conehead over
hook, onto
glued area.

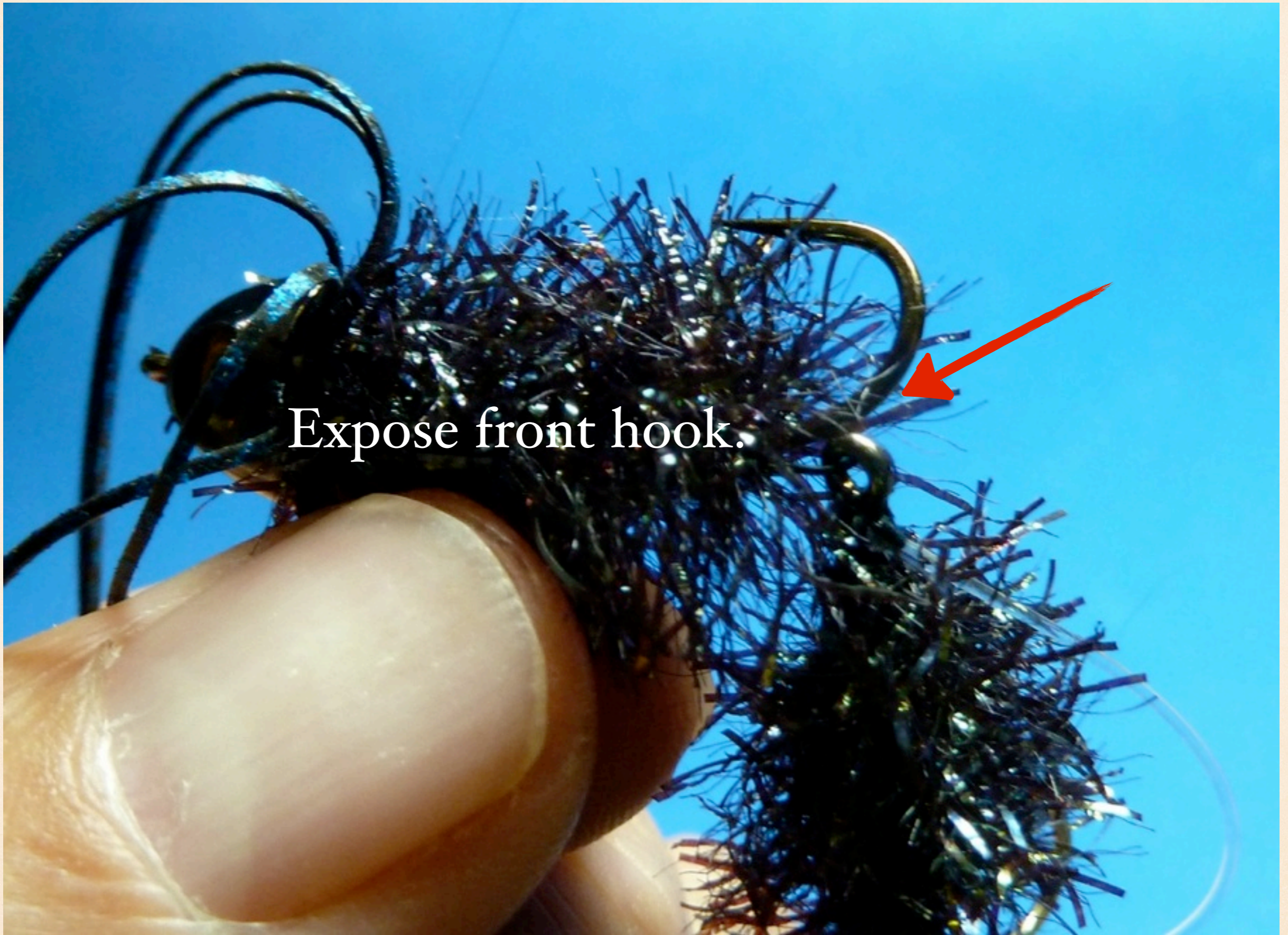


Build thread ball
in front of cone.



Super glue
the thread ball.





Expose front hook.

Position wire cutters.





Shield eyes and
cut toward table.

COMMERCIAL ALTERNATIVES

Custom-bent Wire Shanks for Articulated Flies



Waddington Shanks



Fish Skull
Articulated Shanks

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