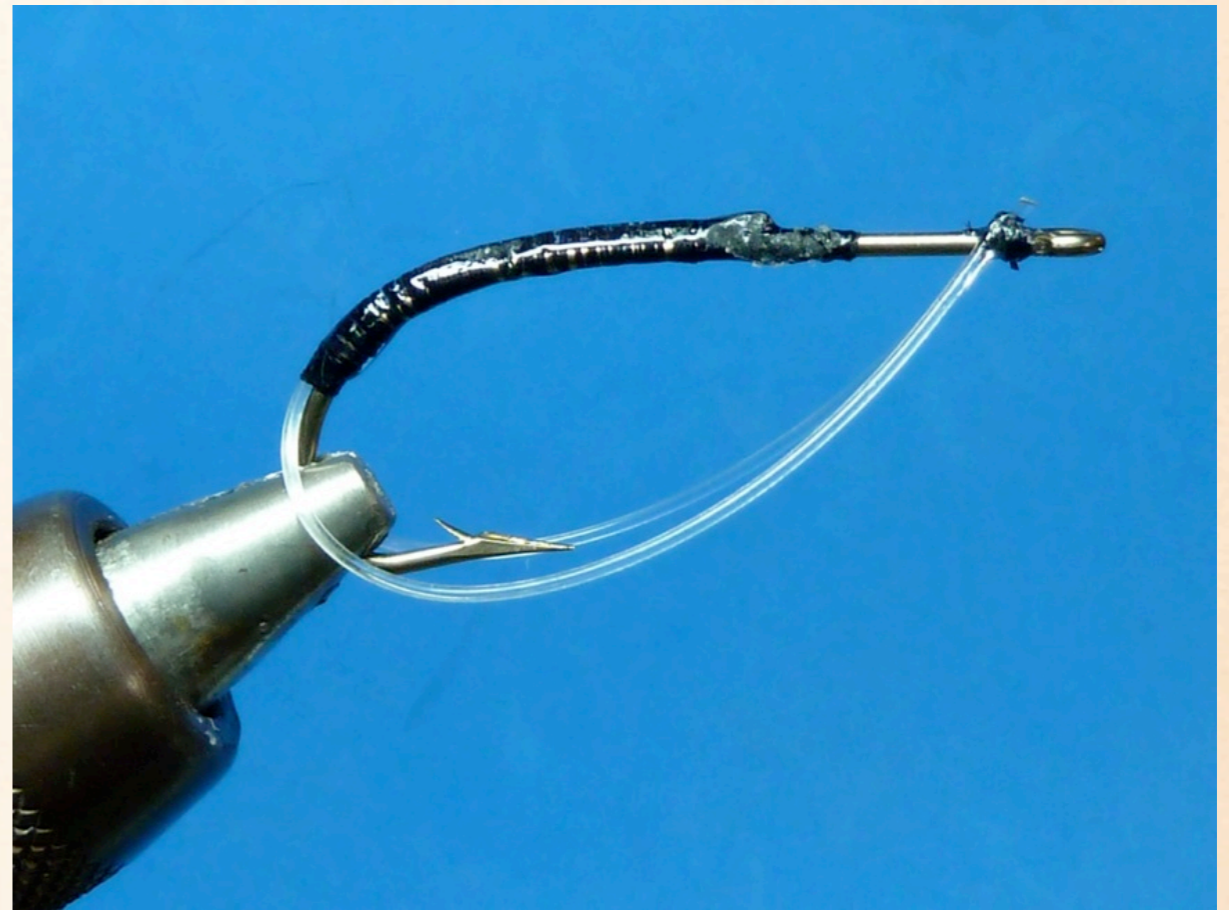


WORKING WITH WEEDGUARDS

Getting the fly fearlessly to where the fish are.



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MATERIALS LIST

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

Hooks: Mustad #3366 Clouser hook, #2
typical #2 Octopus hook, red

Mono: Recommended starting points
40# mono for large or long-shanked hooks
20# for large short-shanked hooks
10# for typical buggers on medium hooks
(some experimentation is advised)

UV-light cured resin: Loon UV Knotsense

UV Light: 395nm LED flashlight

UV resin applicator: fine microbrush

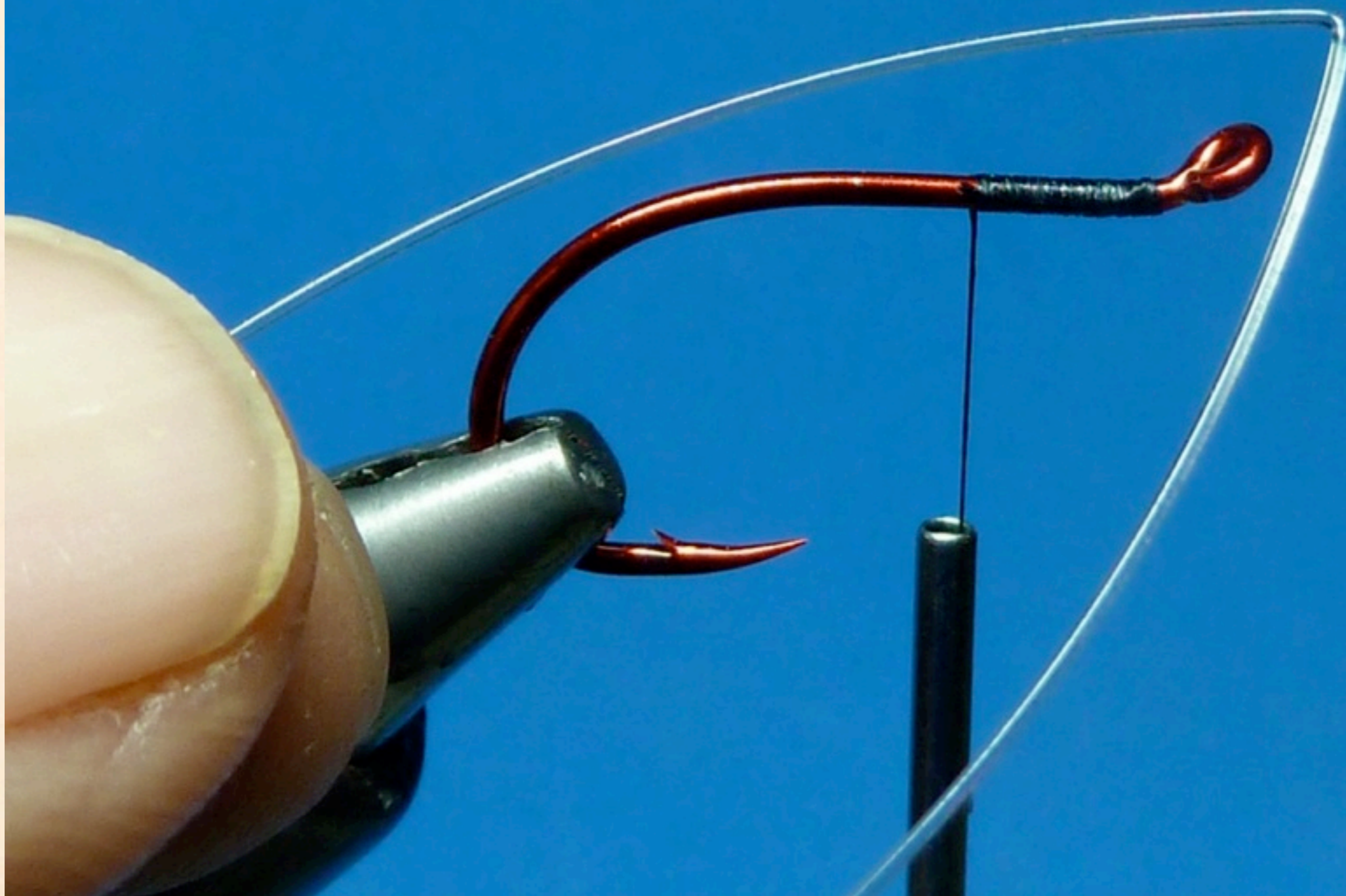
Preparing a weed guard for a tube fly hook.

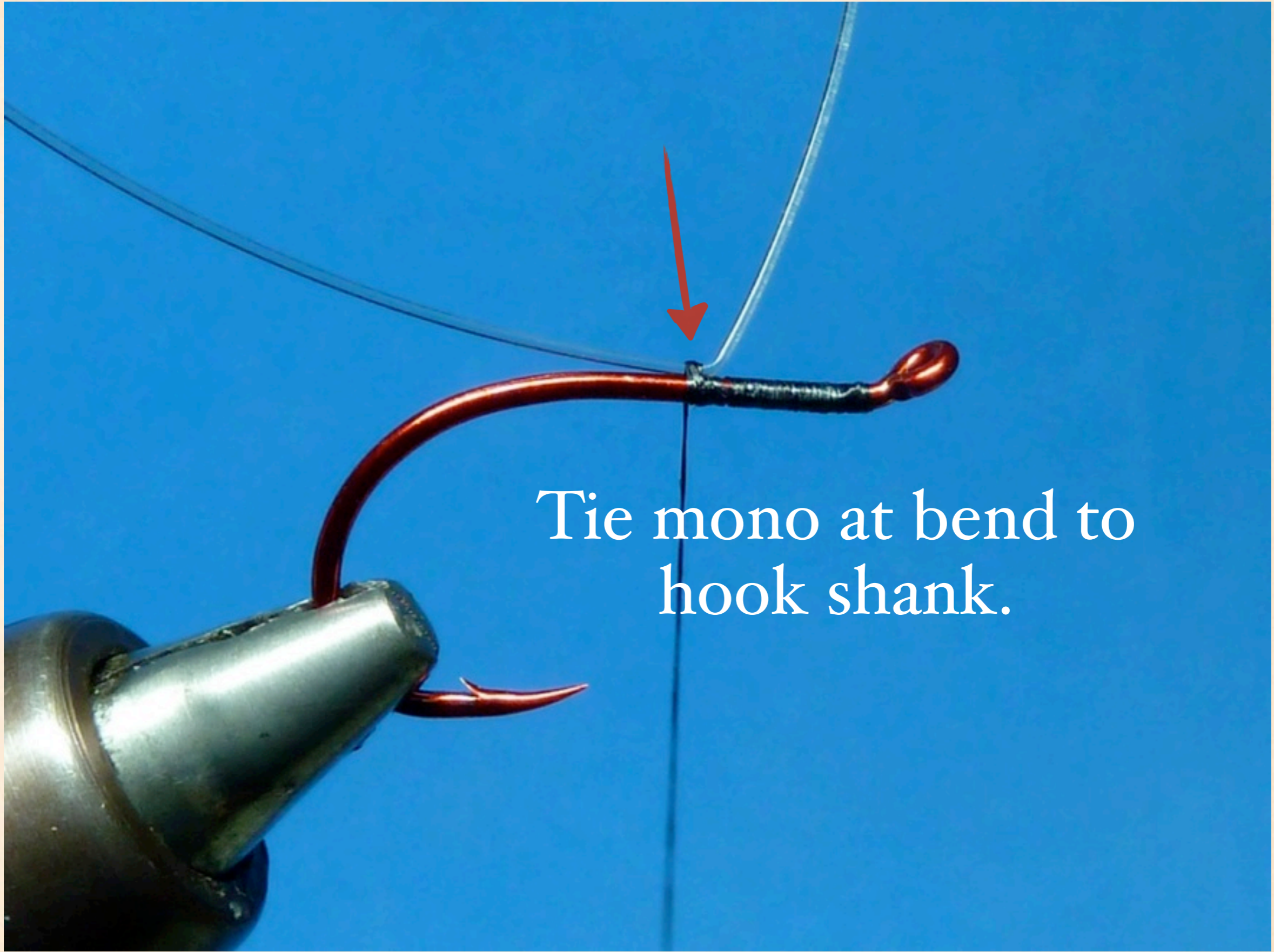
Start thread and wind to
mid-point of hook shank.



#2 Octopus hook

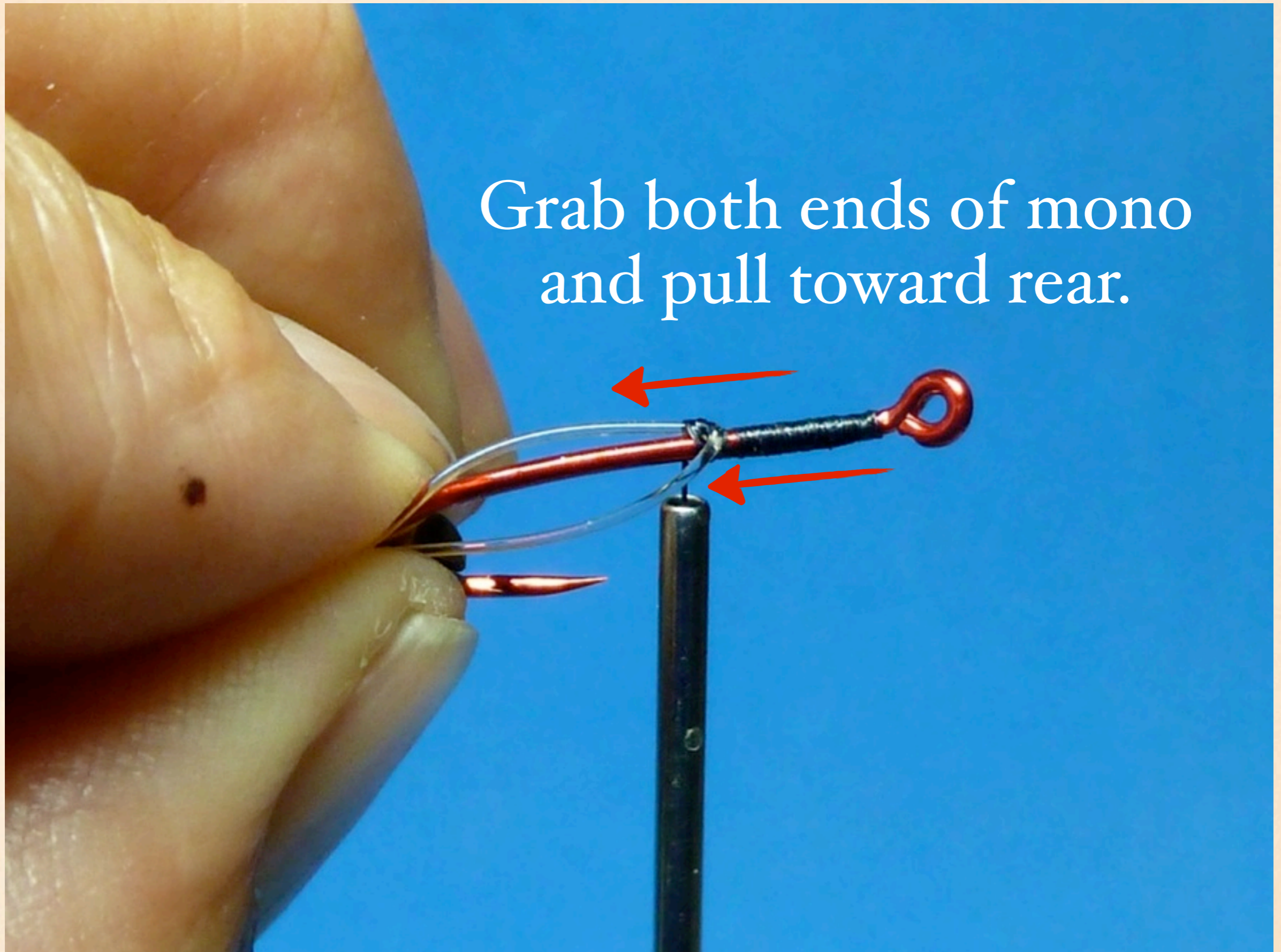
Bend a 5" to 6" length of 20# mono
in the middle.

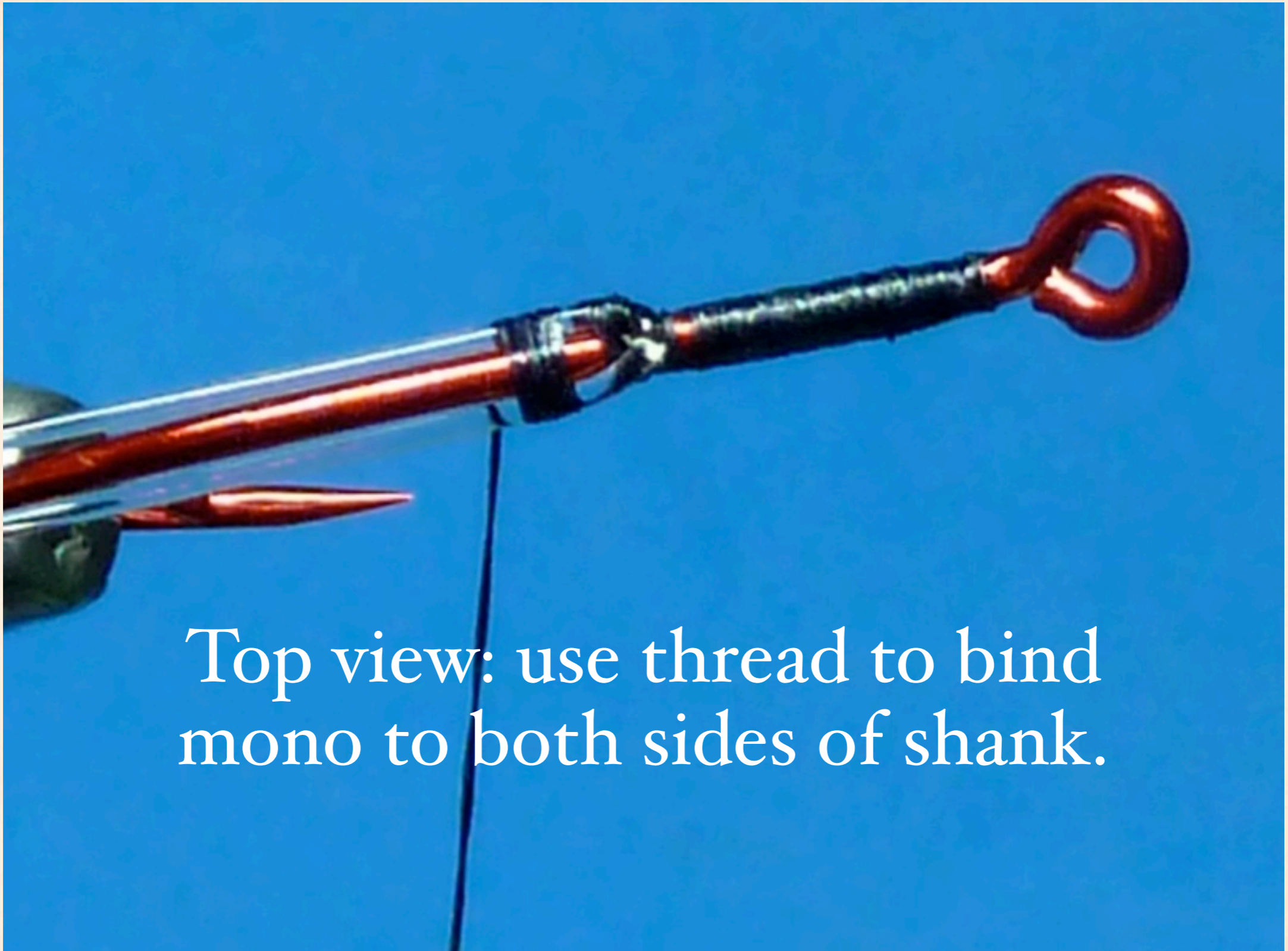




Tie mono at bend to
hook shank.

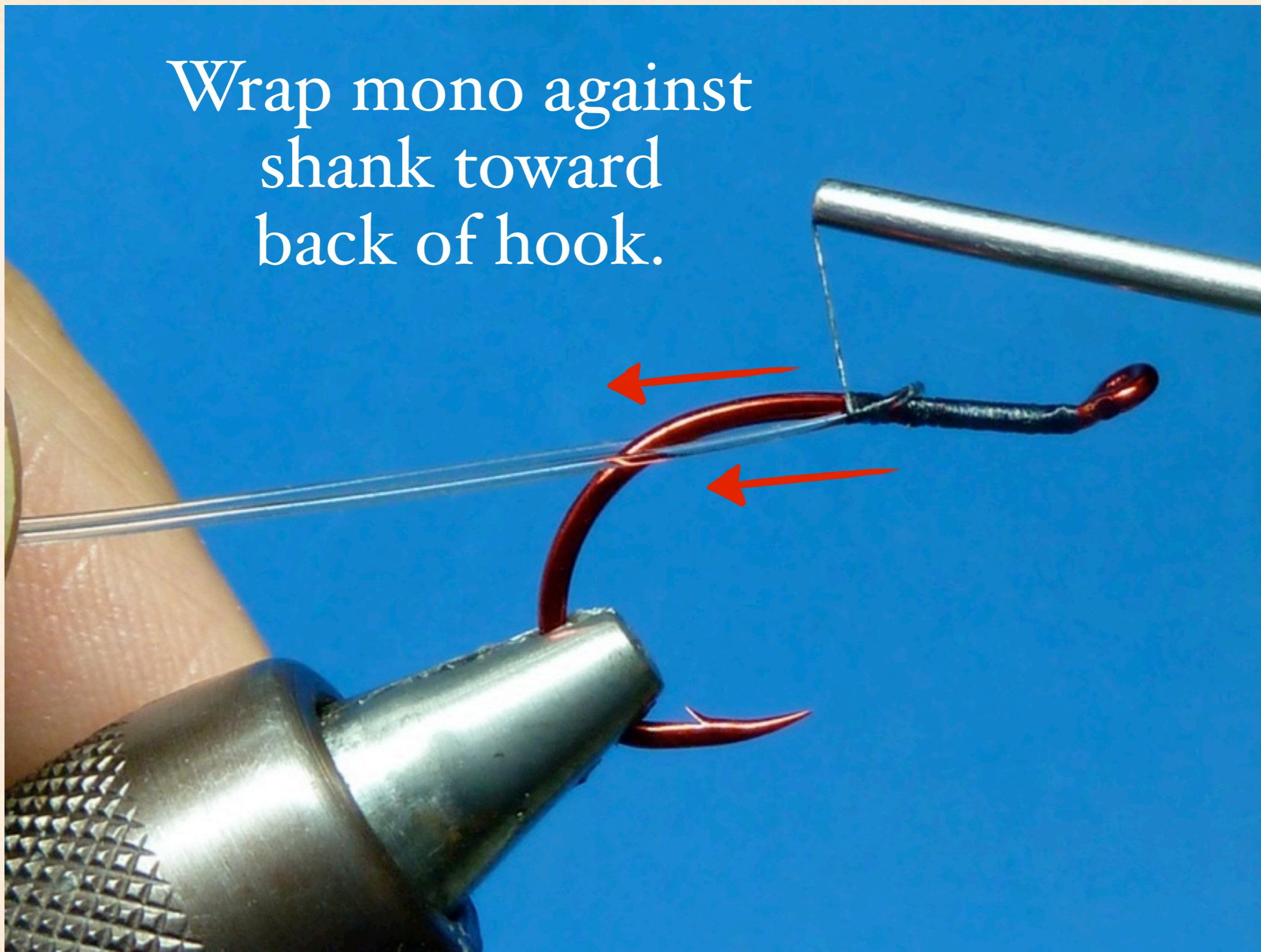
Grab both ends of mono
and pull toward rear.



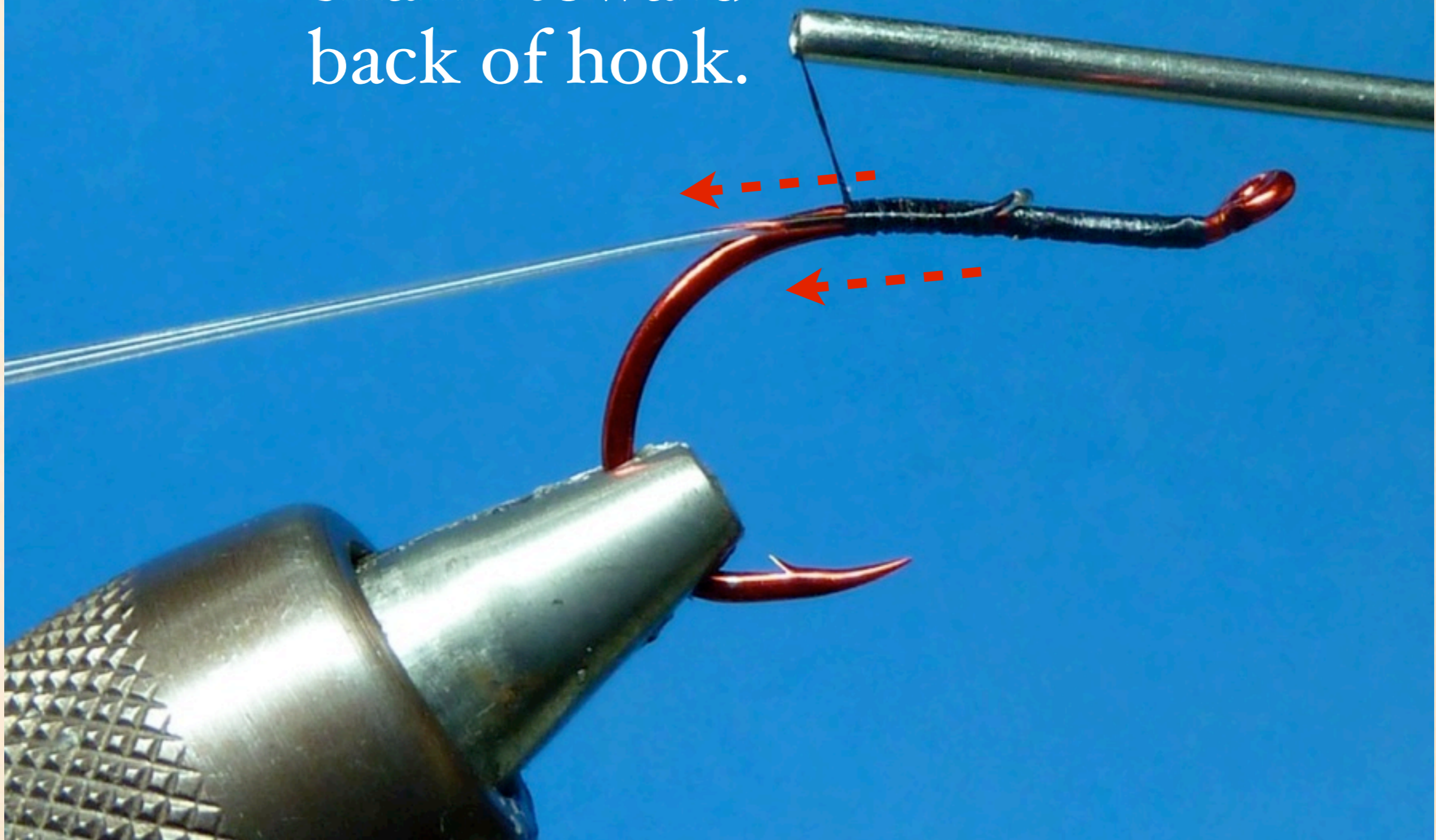


Top view: use thread to bind mono to both sides of shank.

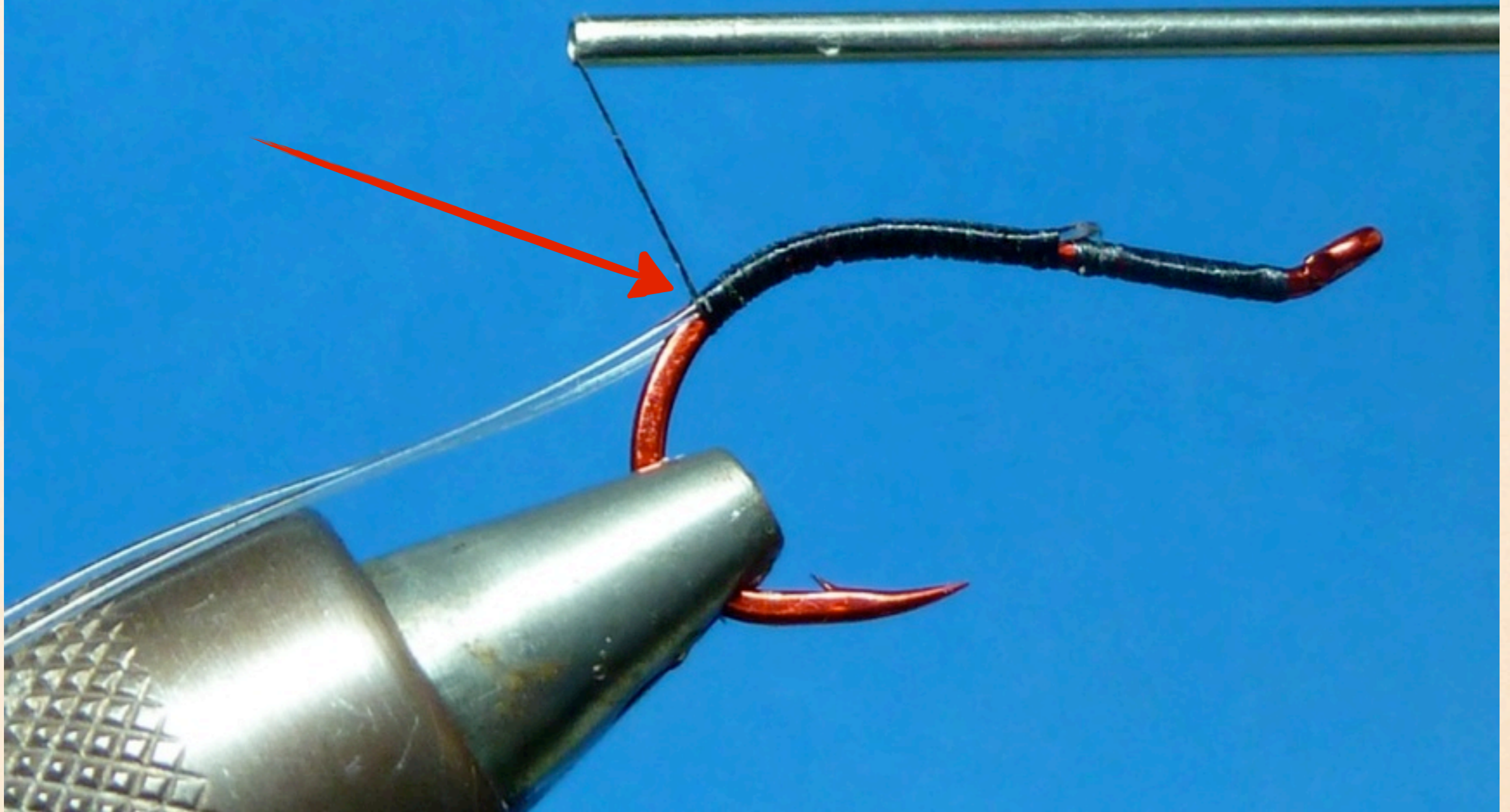
Wrap mono against
shank toward
back of hook.



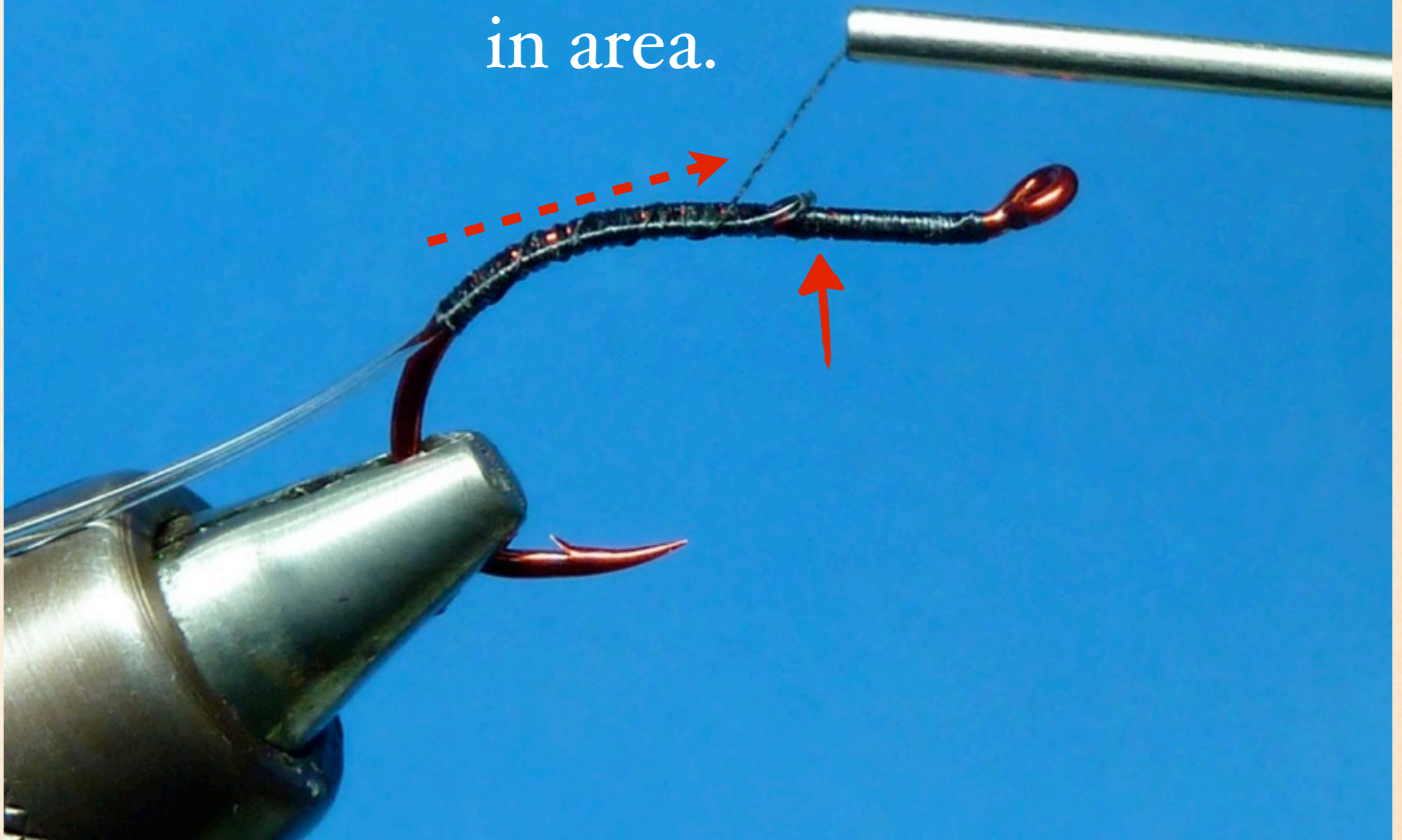
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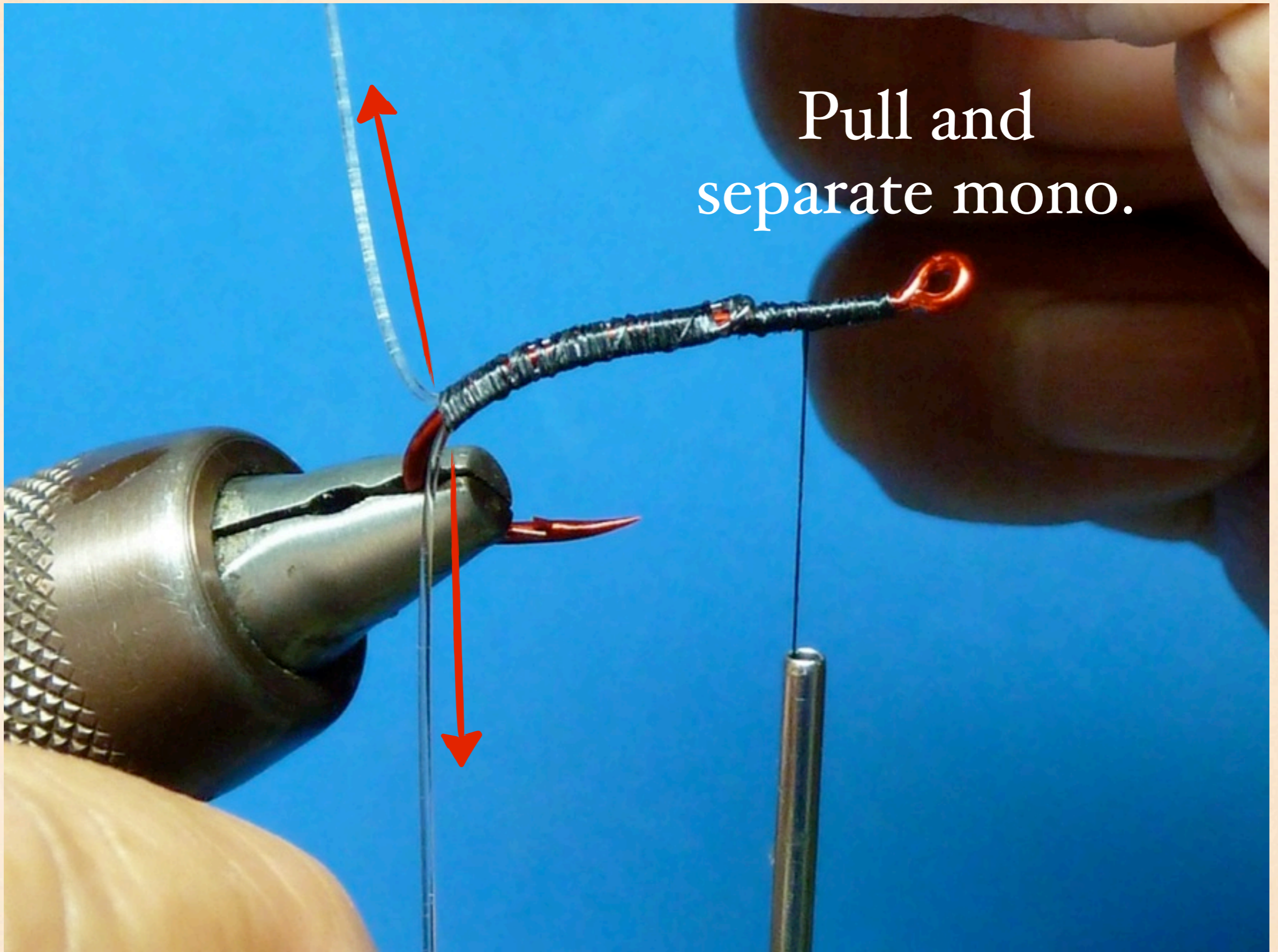
Do not go any further back into the hook bend, than shown.



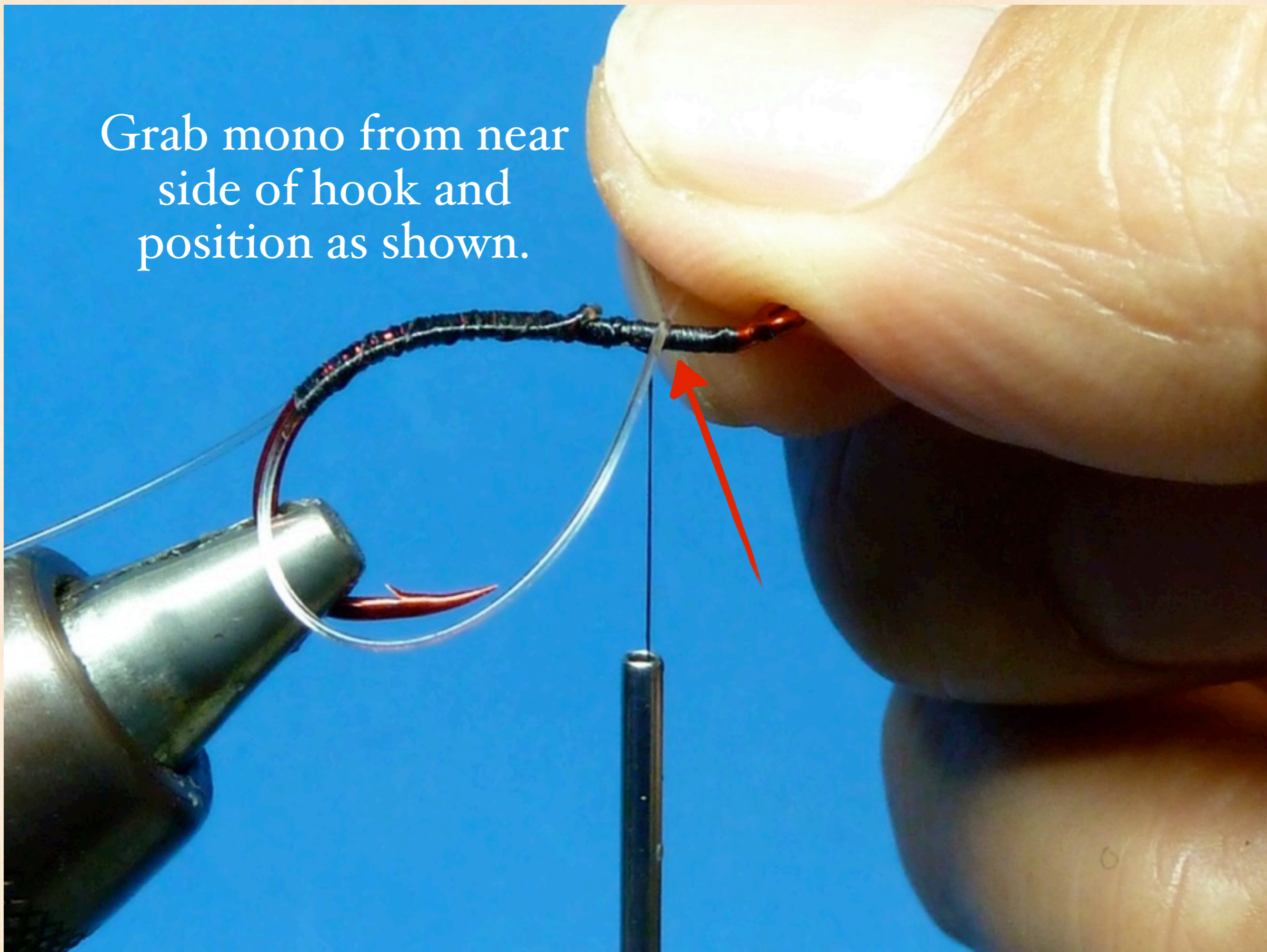
Wrap thread back to
in front of the mono tie
in area.

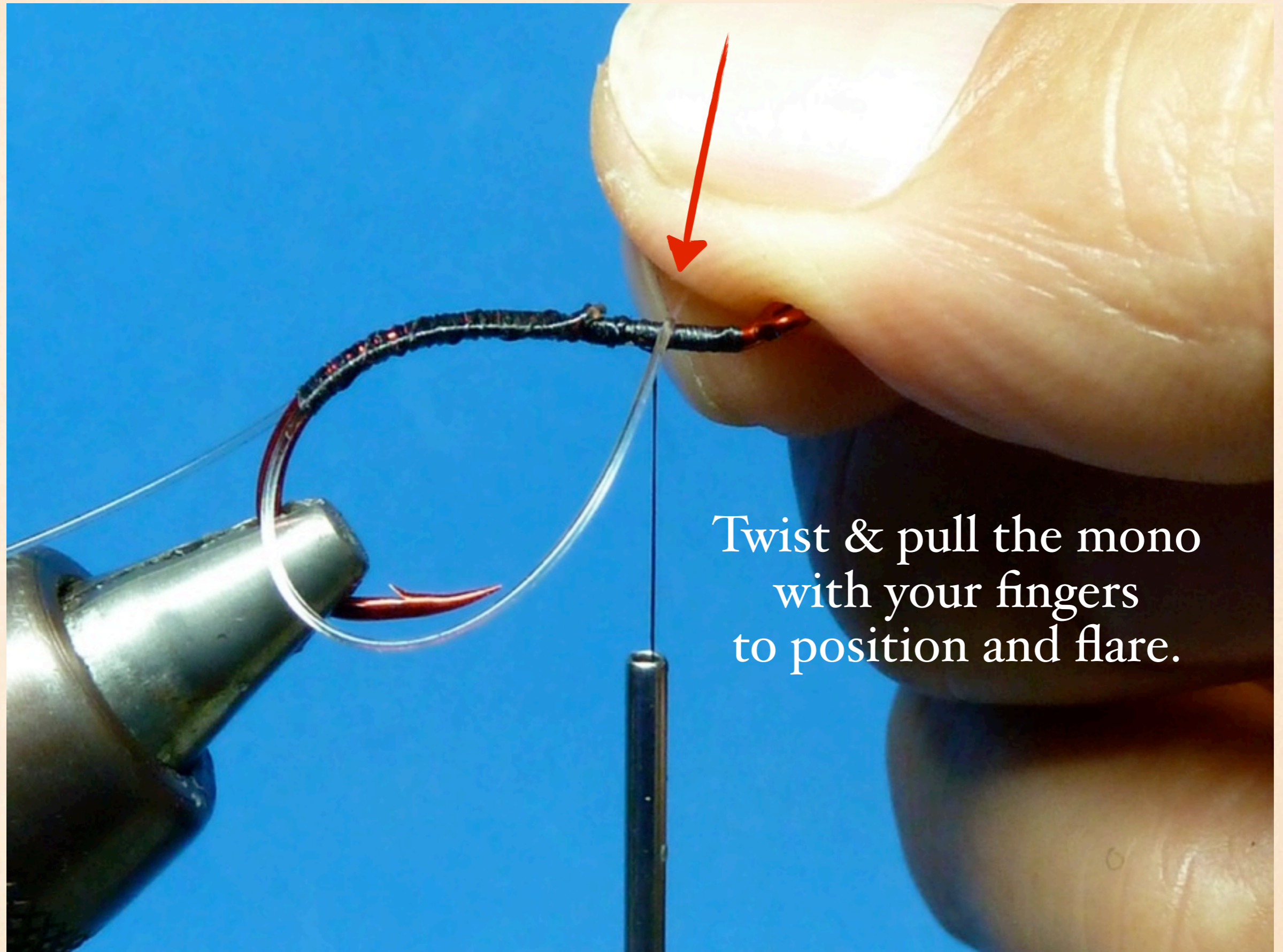


Pull and
separate mono.



Grab mono from near
side of hook and
position as shown.





Twist & pull the mono
with your fingers
to position and flare.

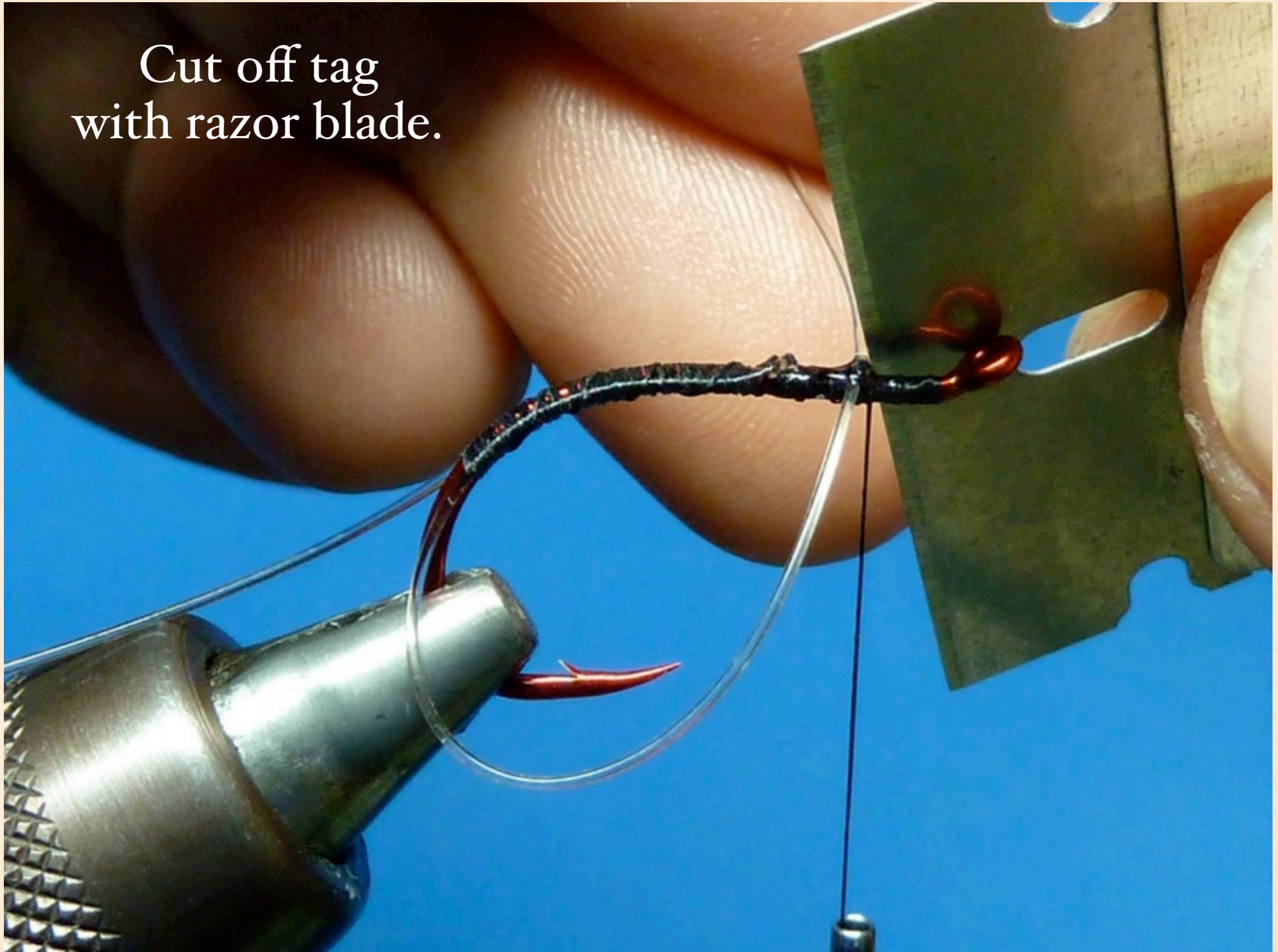
Use tying thread to anchor mono in position.



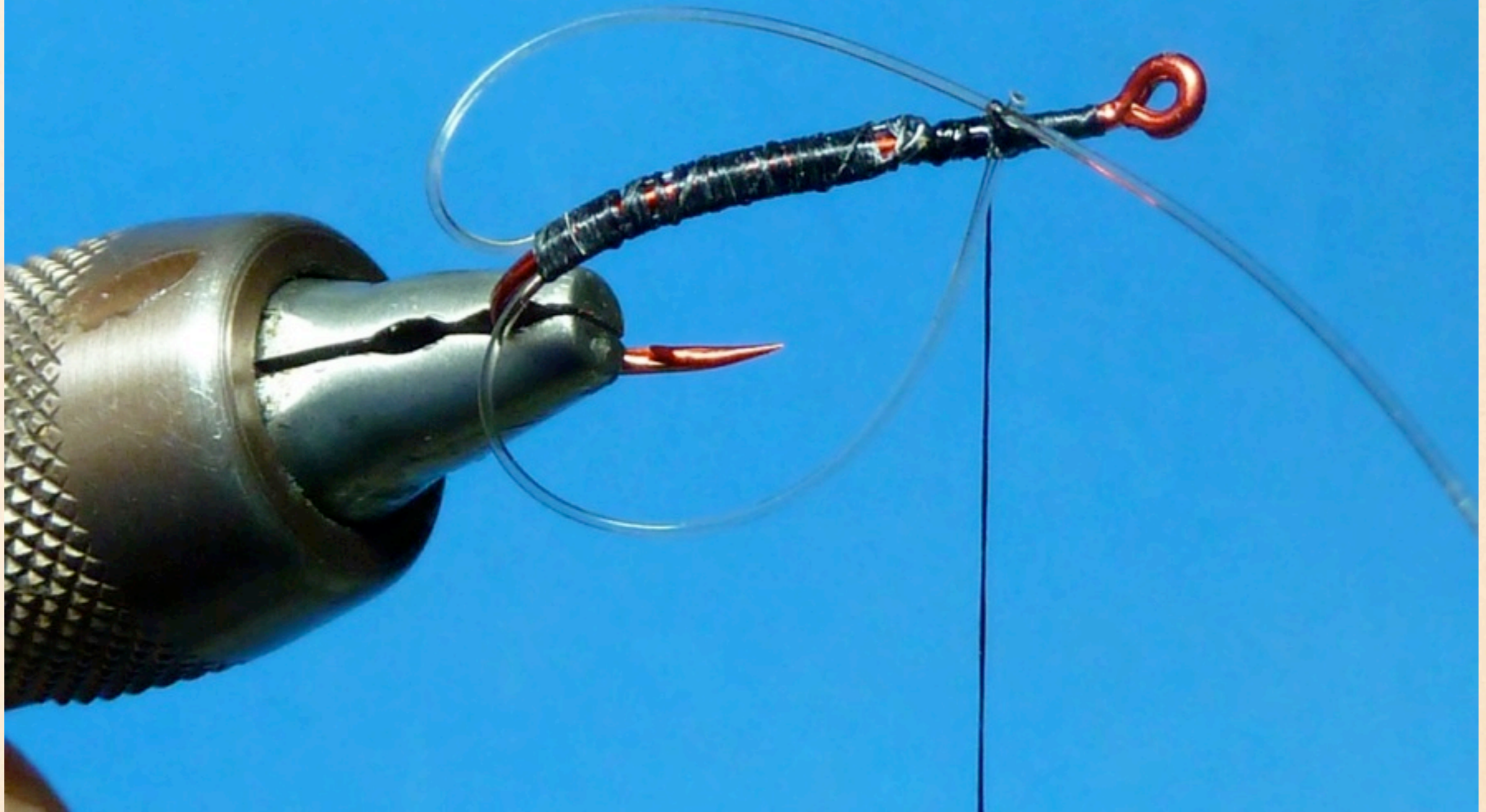
Cover tie in point and shank
with super glue.



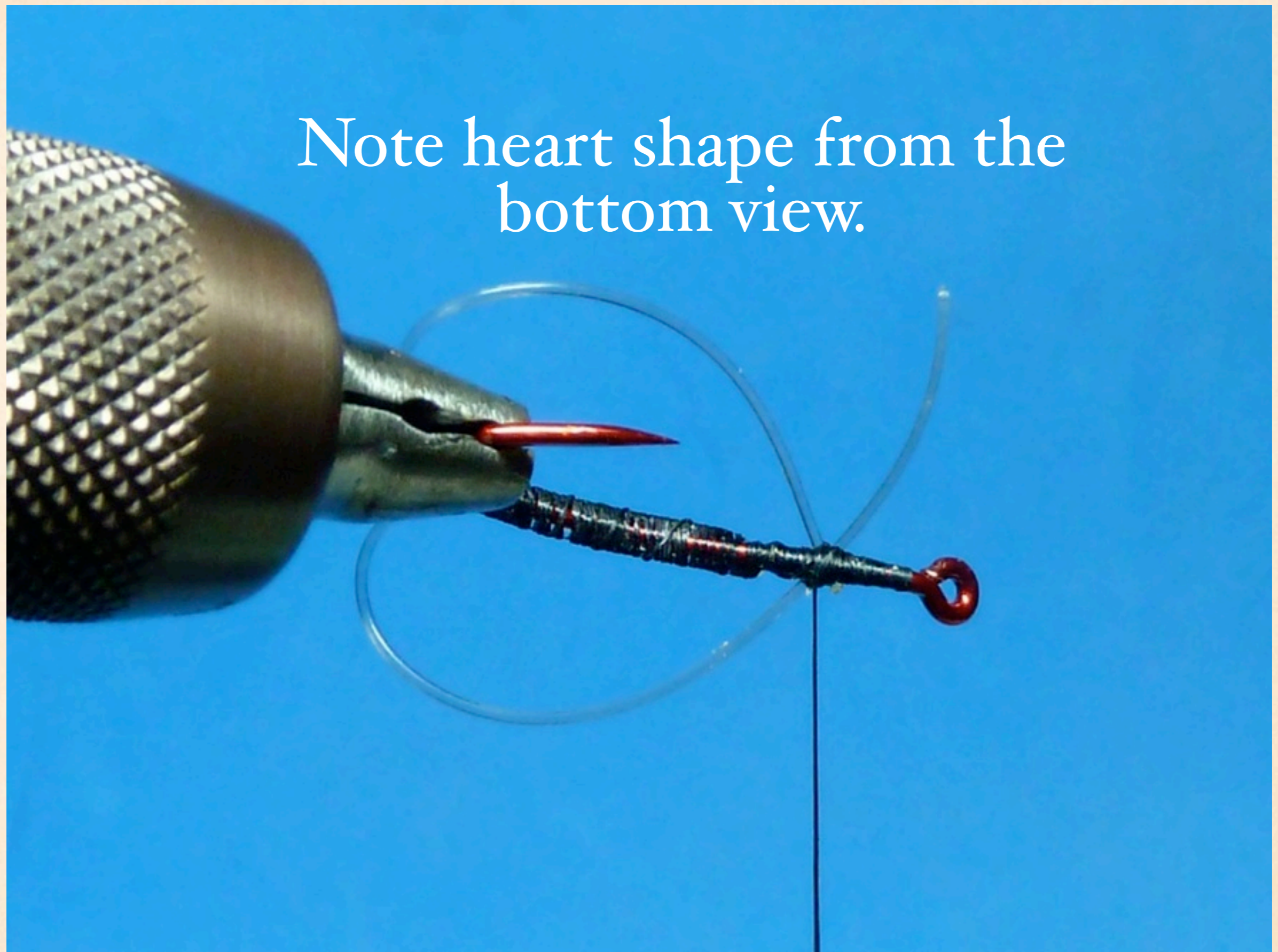
Cut off tag
with razor blade.



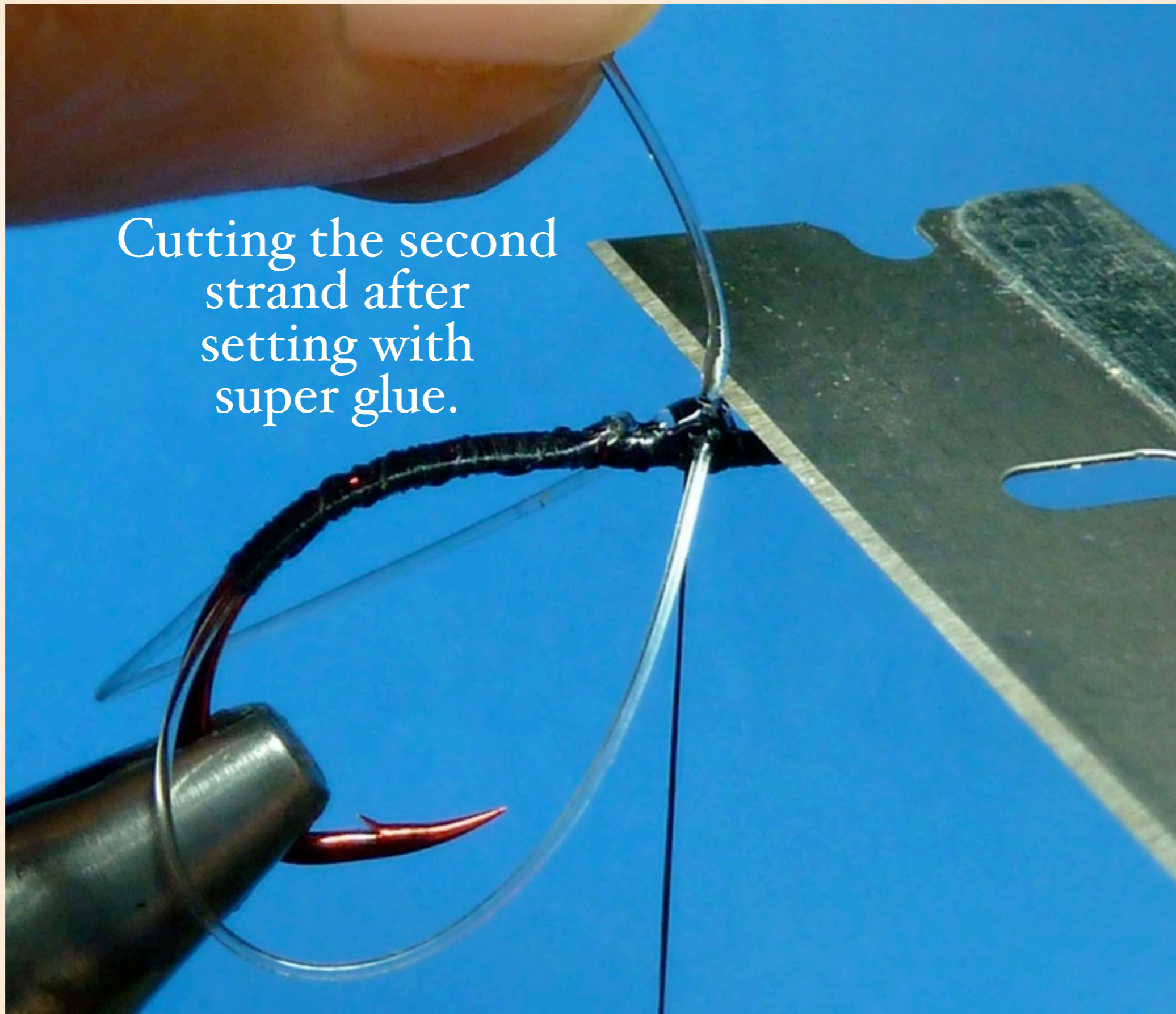
Repeat the steps for the mono on the other side.



Note heart shape from the
bottom view.



Cutting the second
strand after
setting with
super glue.

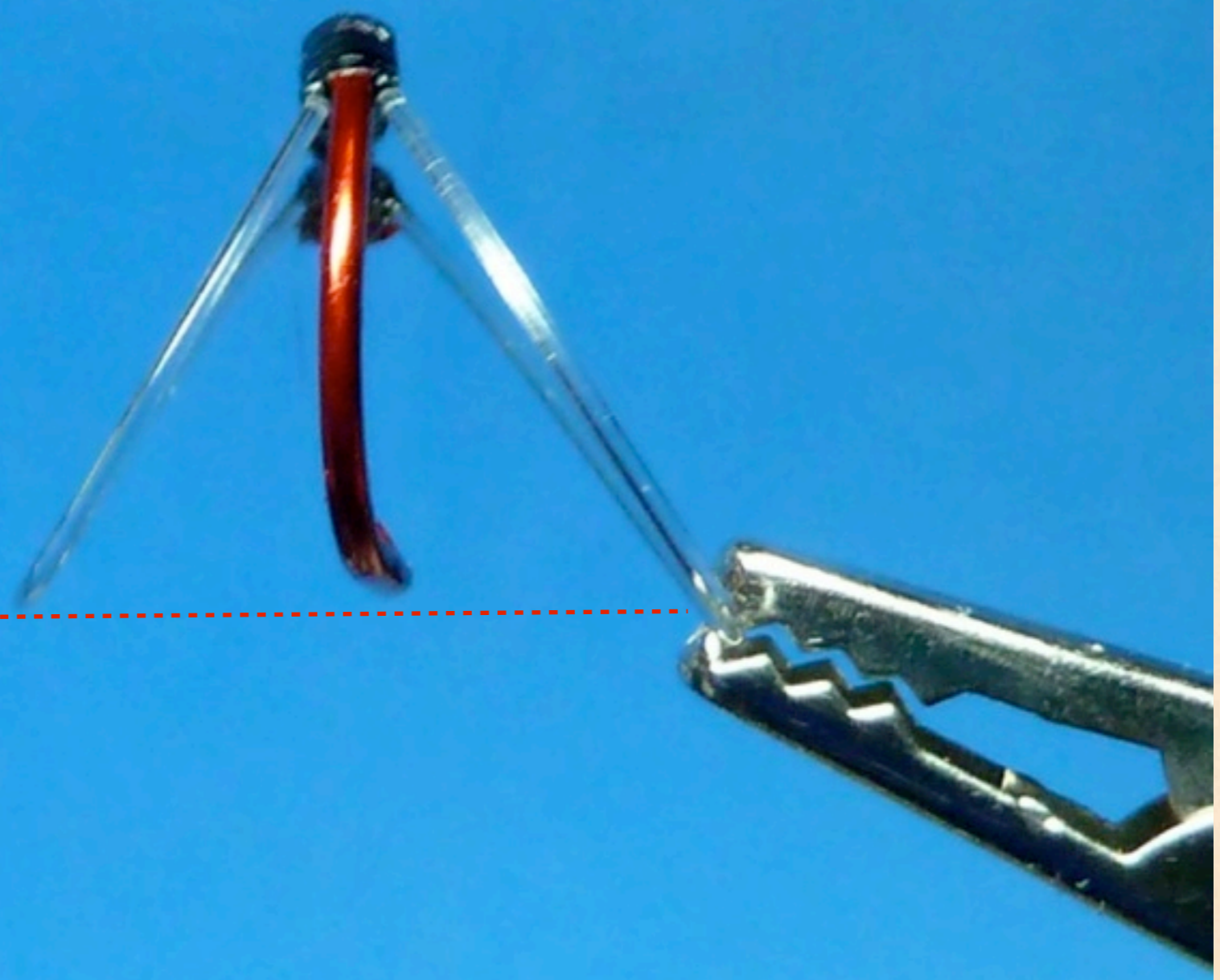


Ideal Side View

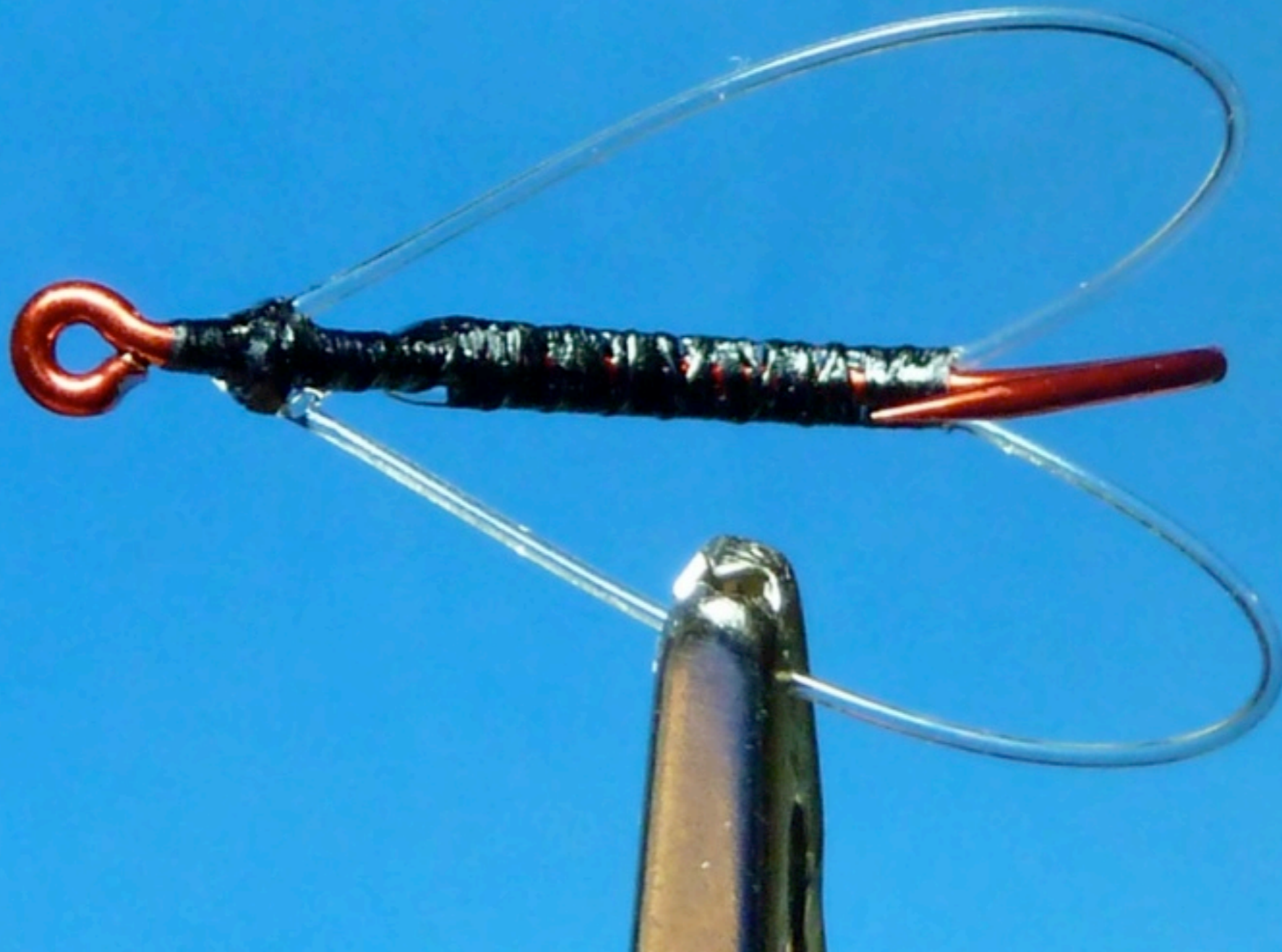


Ideal Rear View

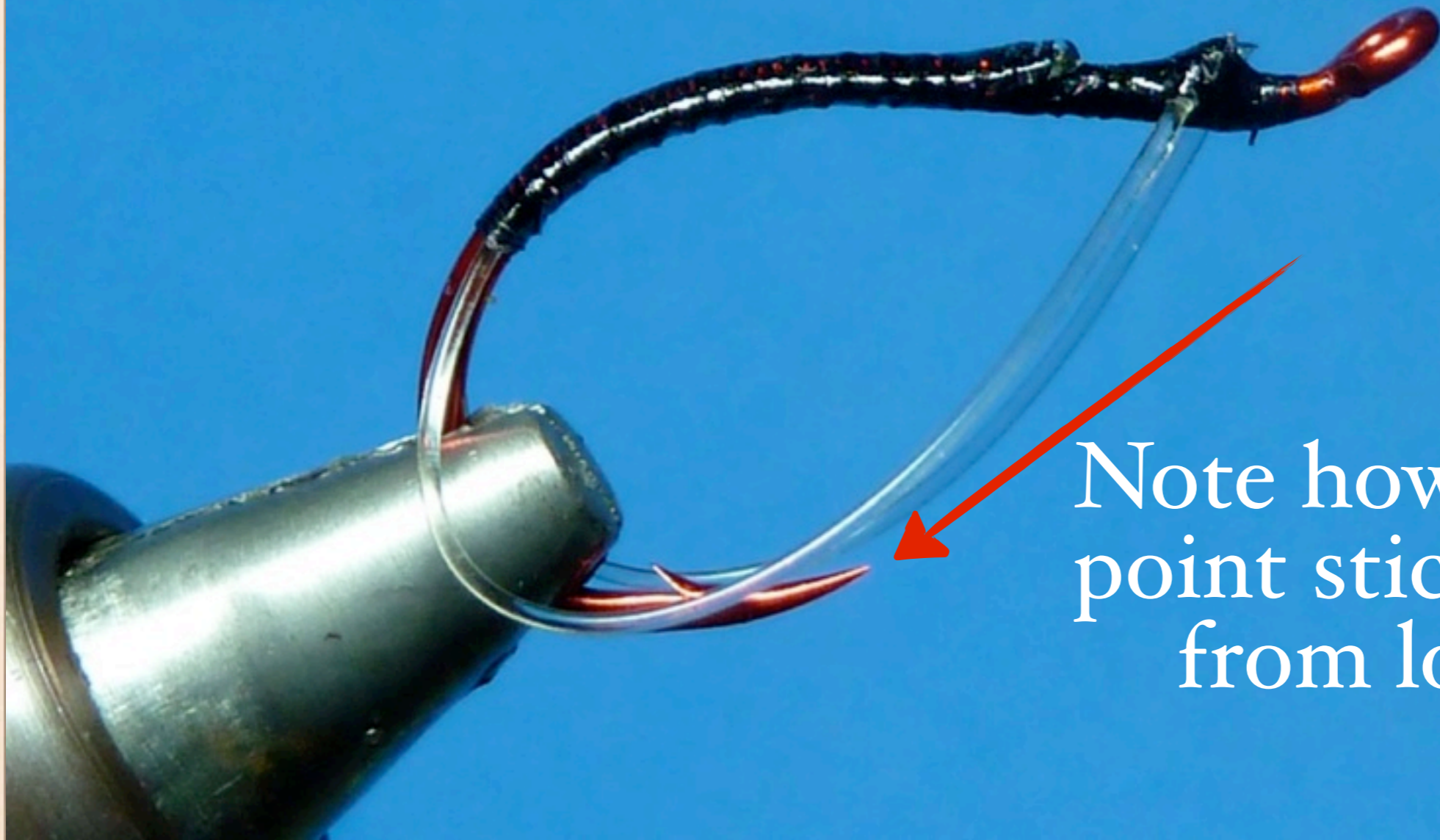
Note dotted line alignment



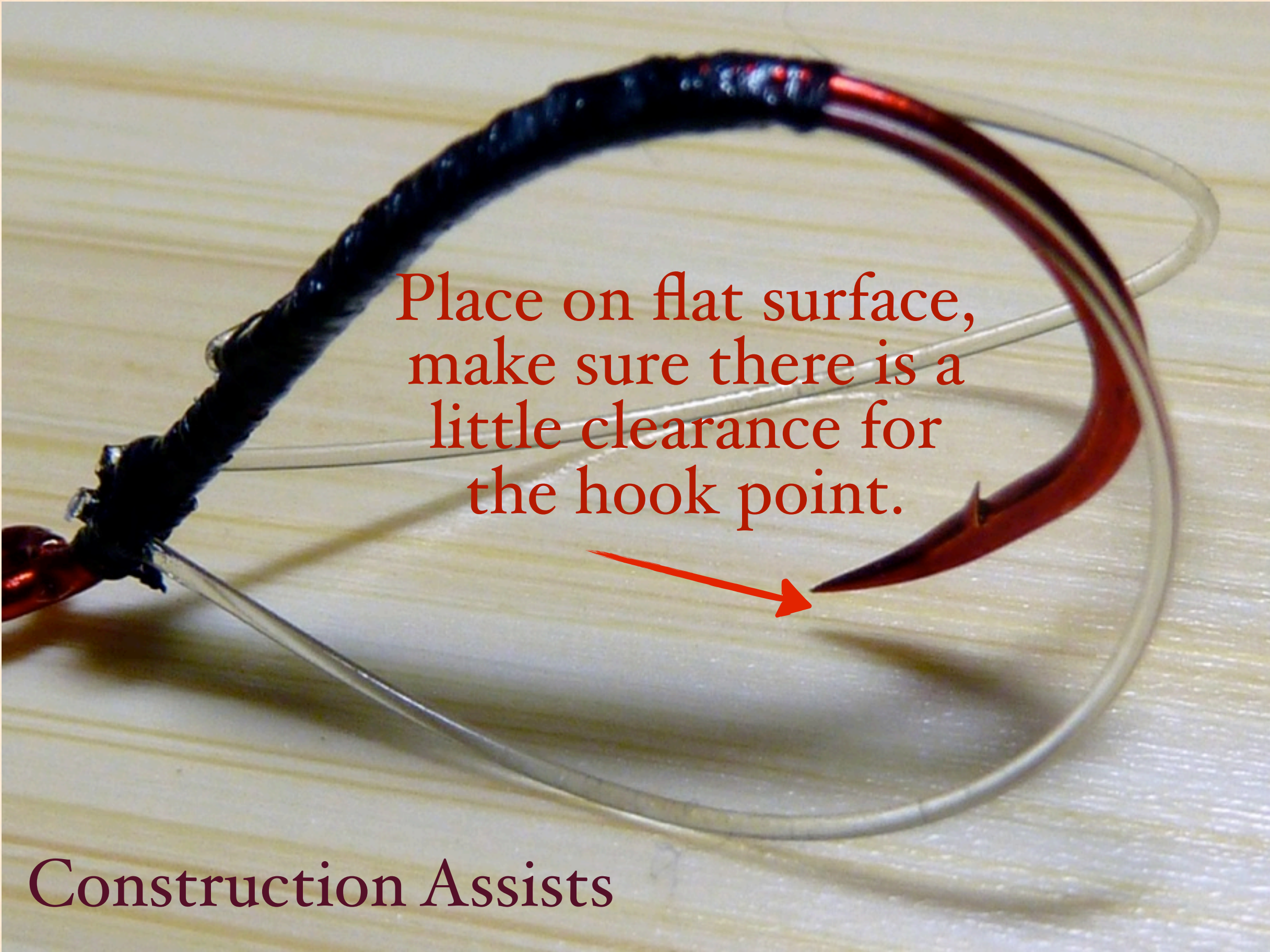
Ideal Bottom View



Errors!



Note how hook point sticks out from loop.



Place on flat surface,
make sure there is a
little clearance for
the hook point.

Construction Assists

Put a little bead of
UV resin on a microbrush.



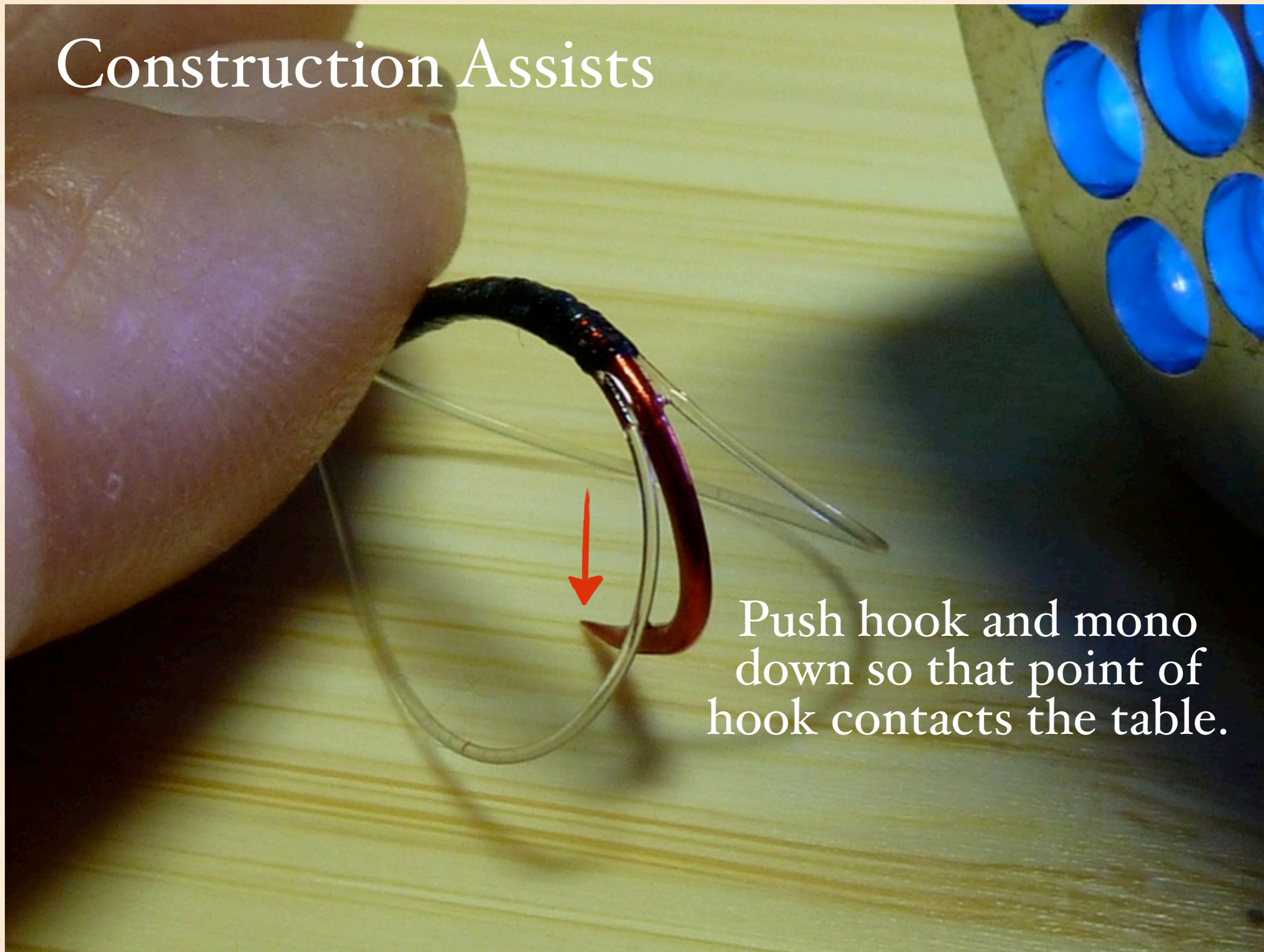
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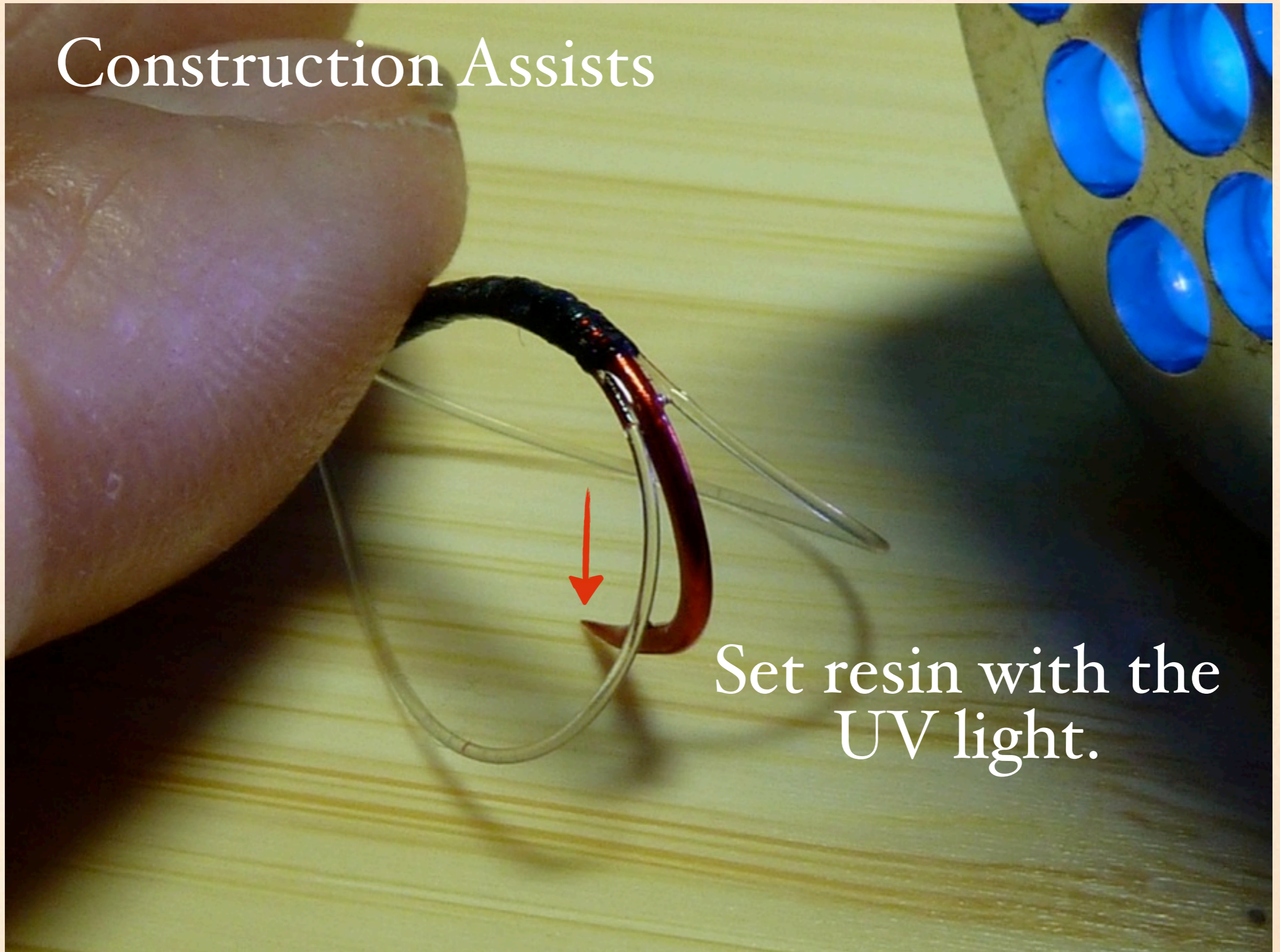
Work resin into
the areas shown.

Construction Assists



Push hook and mono down so that point of hook contacts the table.

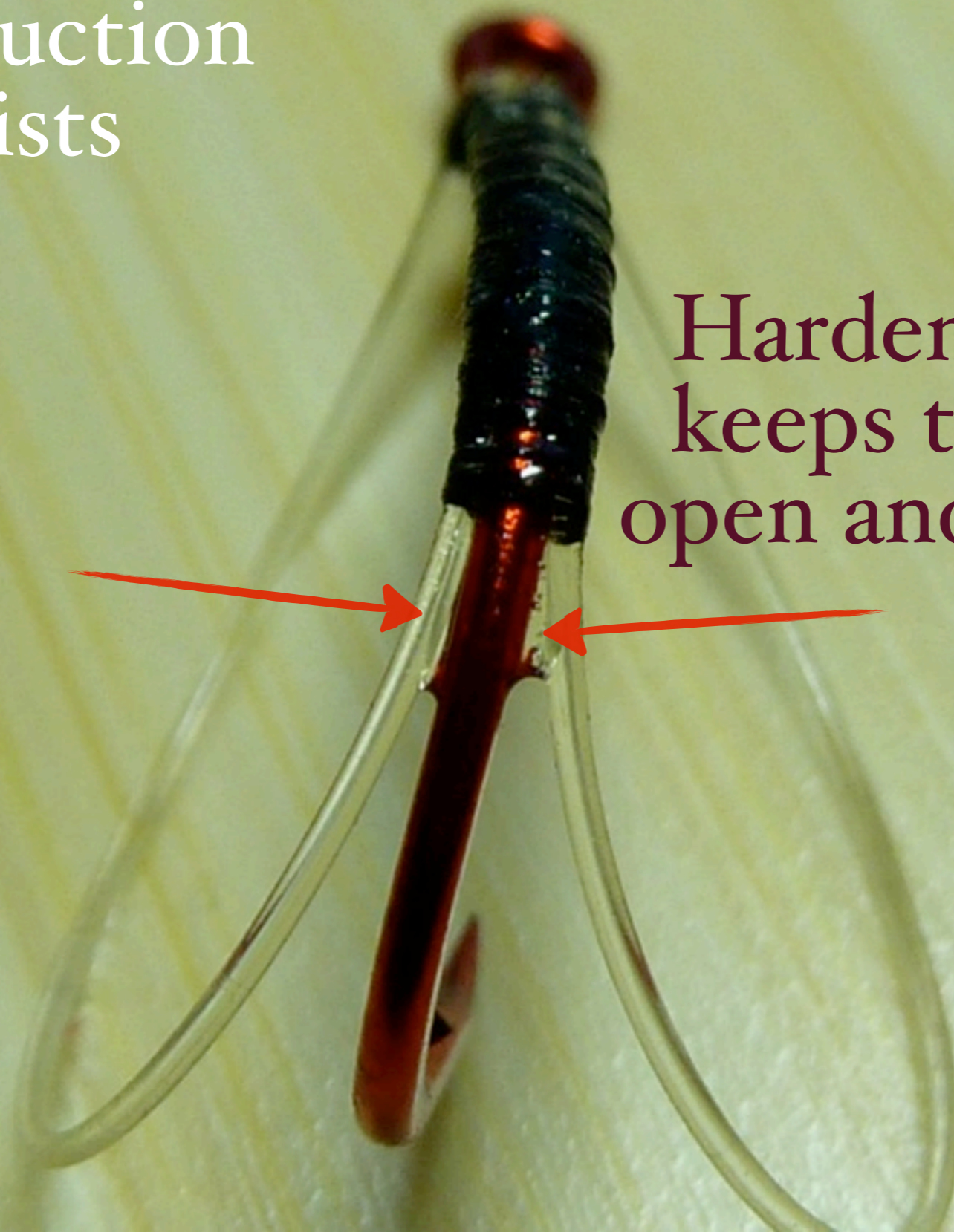
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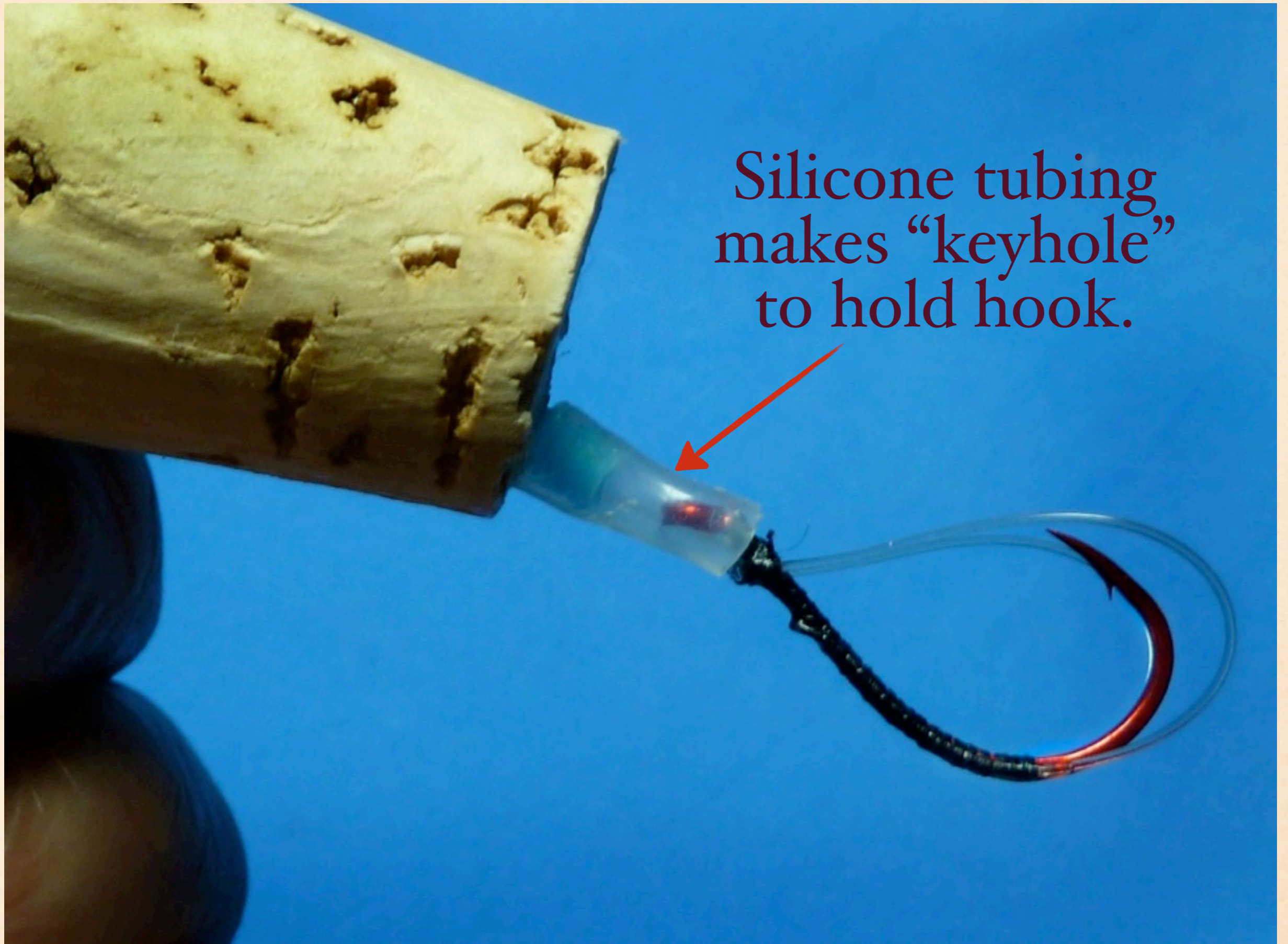
Set resin with the
UV light.


Construction Assists

Hardened resin
keeps the loops
open and in place.



Silicone tubing
makes “keyhole”
to hold hook.



A photograph of a cylindrical cork with two holes drilled into its top surface. Two blue Q-tips are inserted into these holes. The cork is placed on a dark wood-grain surface. The Q-tips are positioned vertically and at an angle.

Two holes in cork,
one for rear end
materials, the other
for the hook.

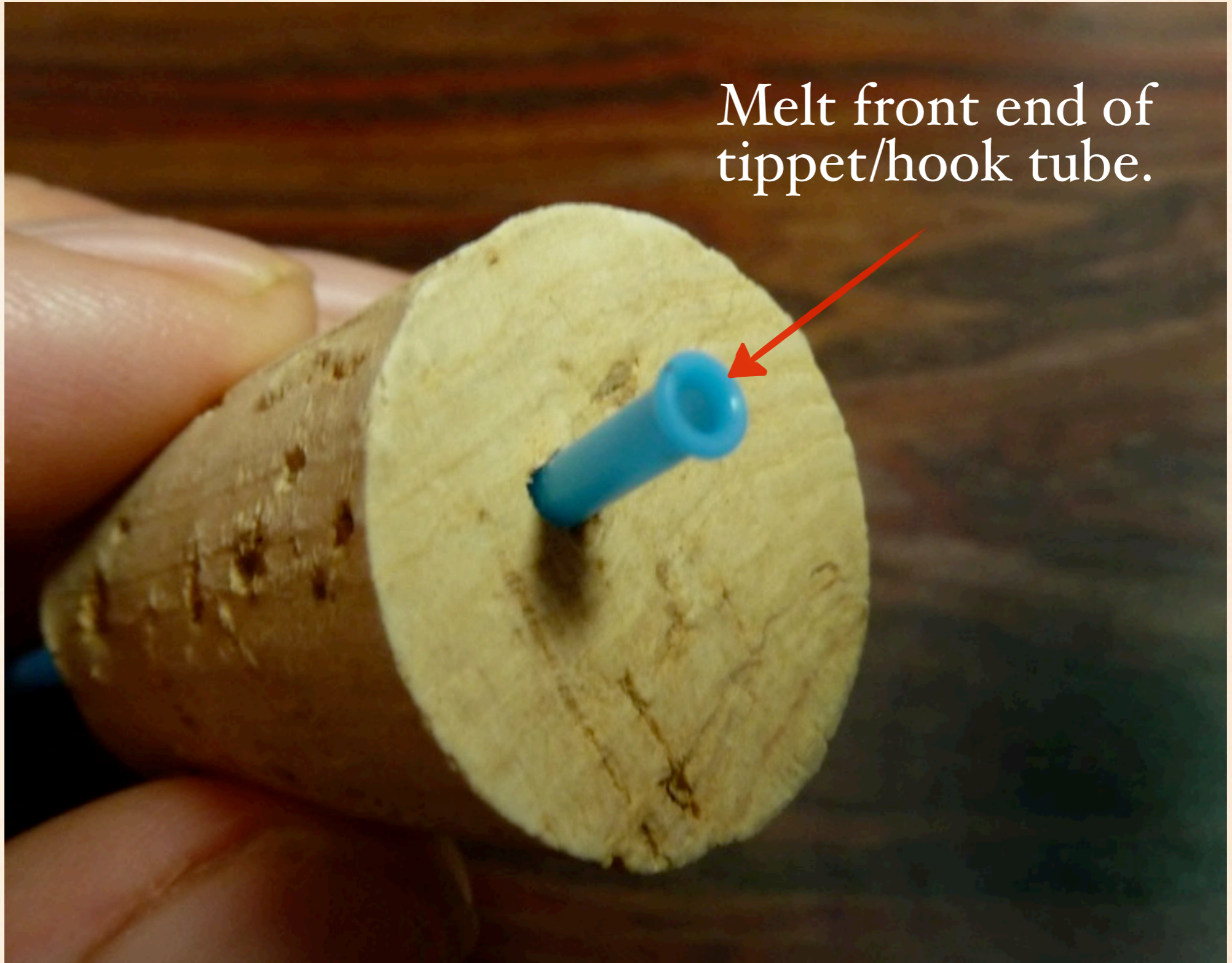
Q-Tips make
for down and
dirty tube flies.

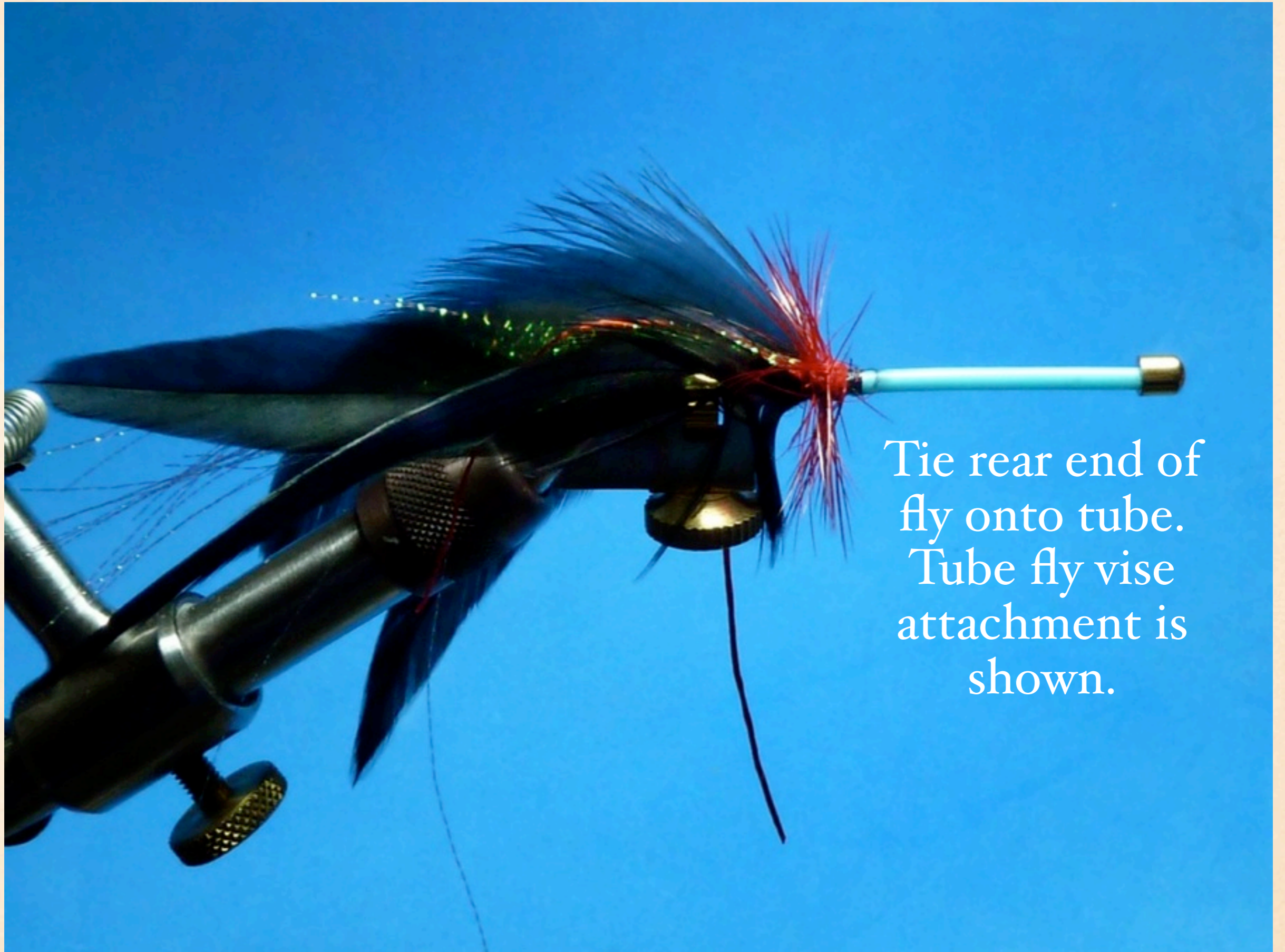


Centered tube in the rear
is to tie on tail materials.

Angled tube going all the way
through cork is for the tippet
and tube fly hook.

Melt front end of
tippet/hook tube.

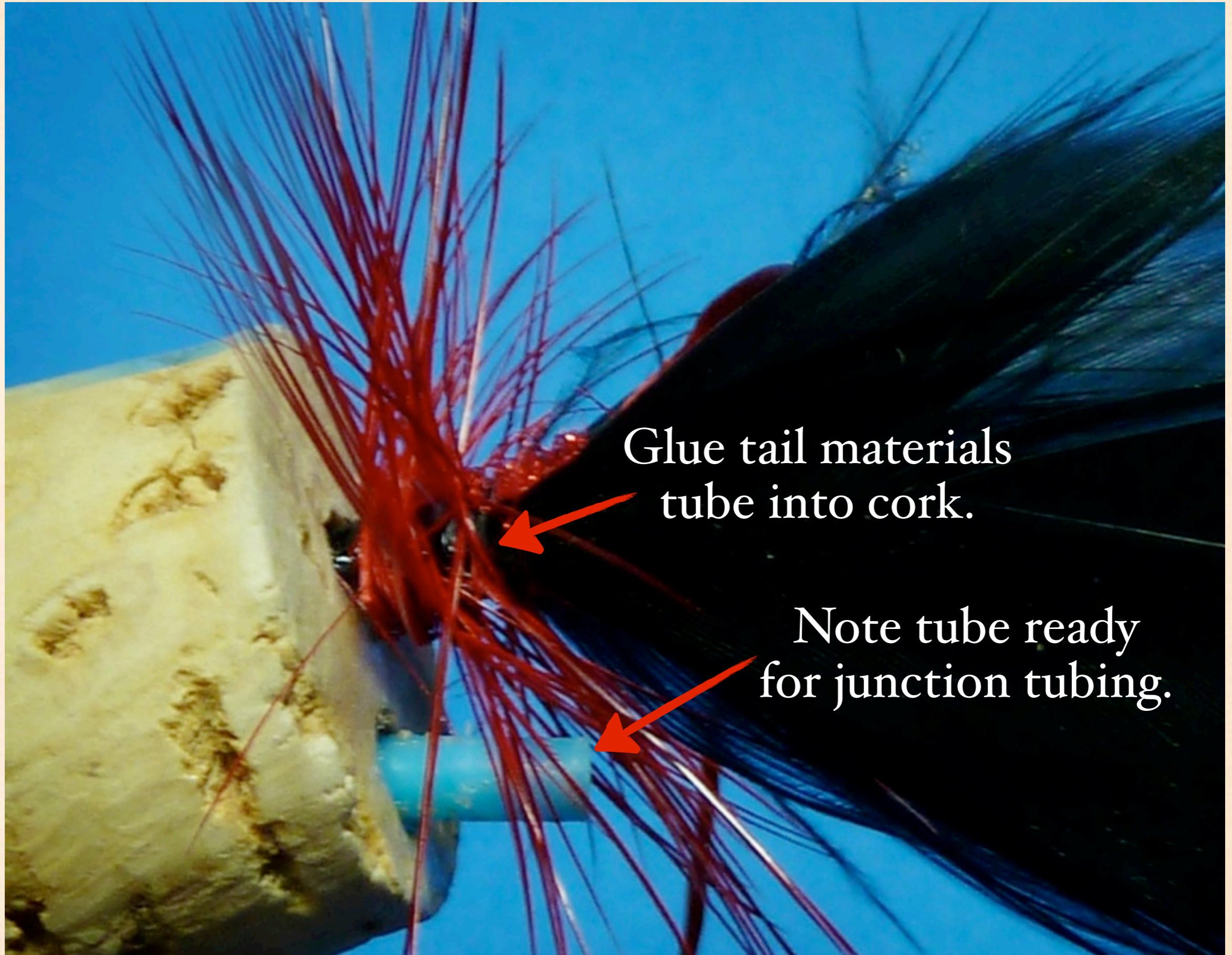




Tie rear end of
fly onto tube.
Tube fly vise
attachment is
shown.



Front view of
materials tied
onto tube.

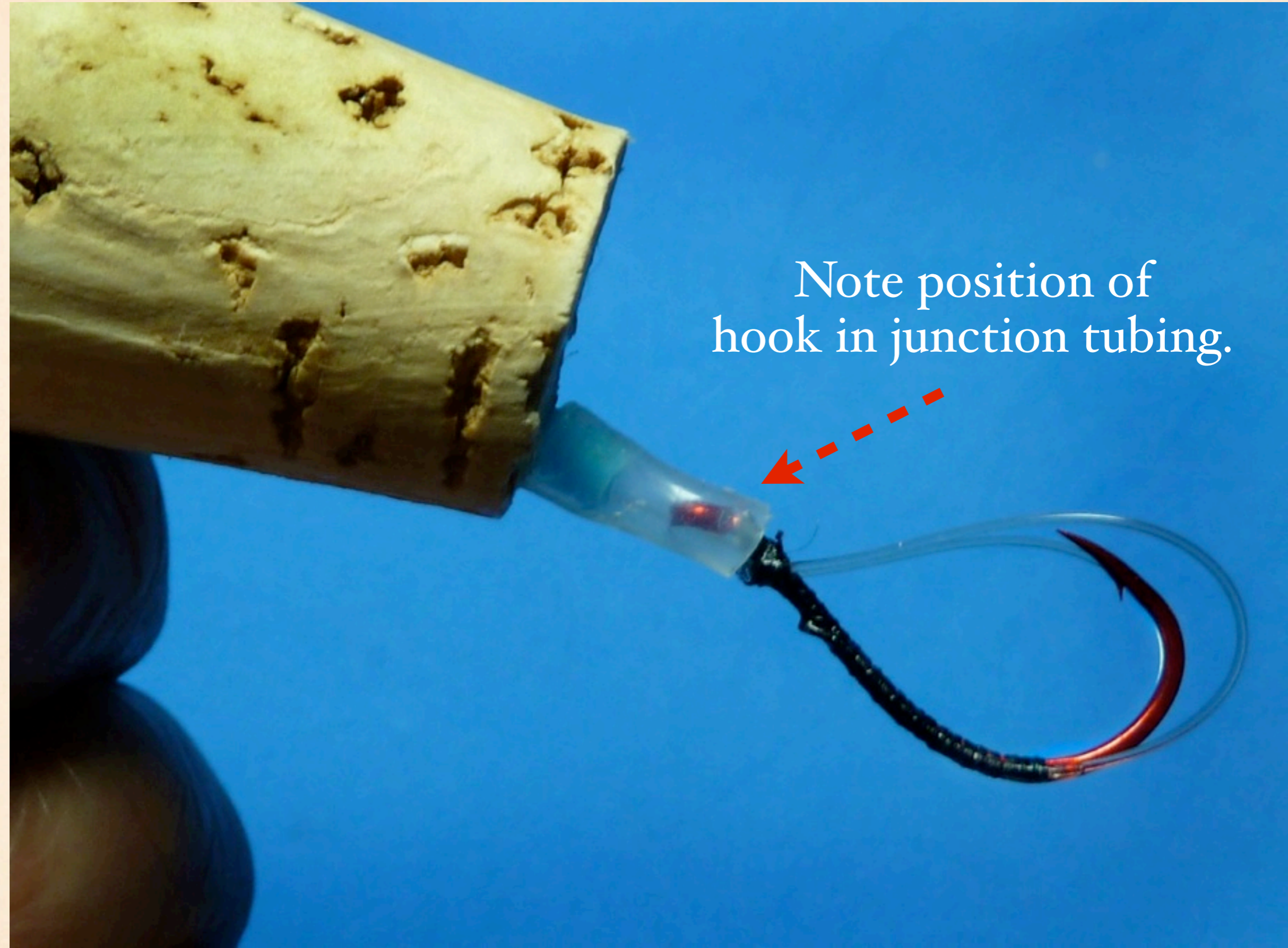


Glue tail materials
tube into cork.

Note tube ready
for junction tubing.

Slip 1/6" i.d. Silicone tubing
over Q-tip tube to make
junction.



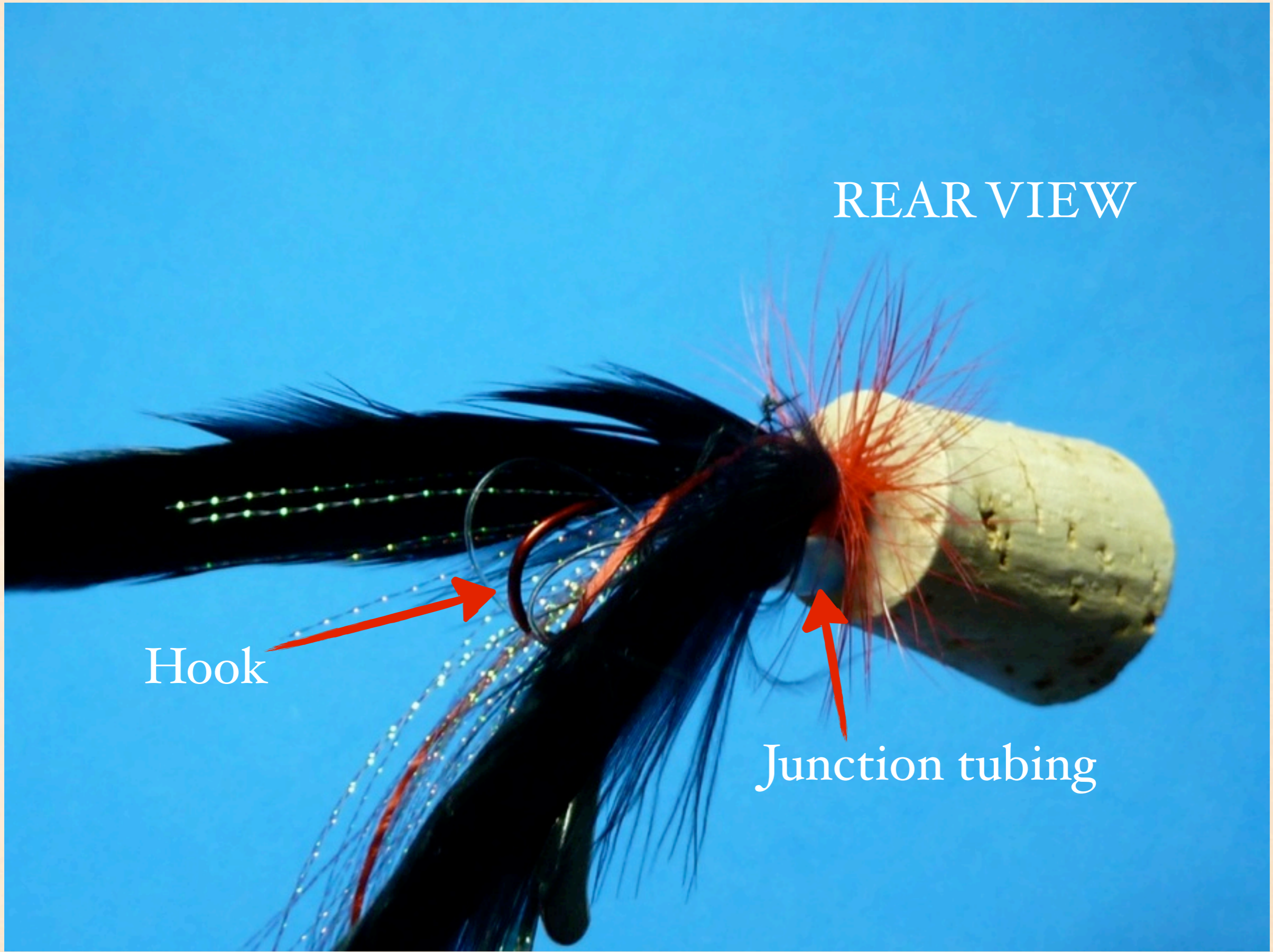


Note position of
hook in junction tubing.

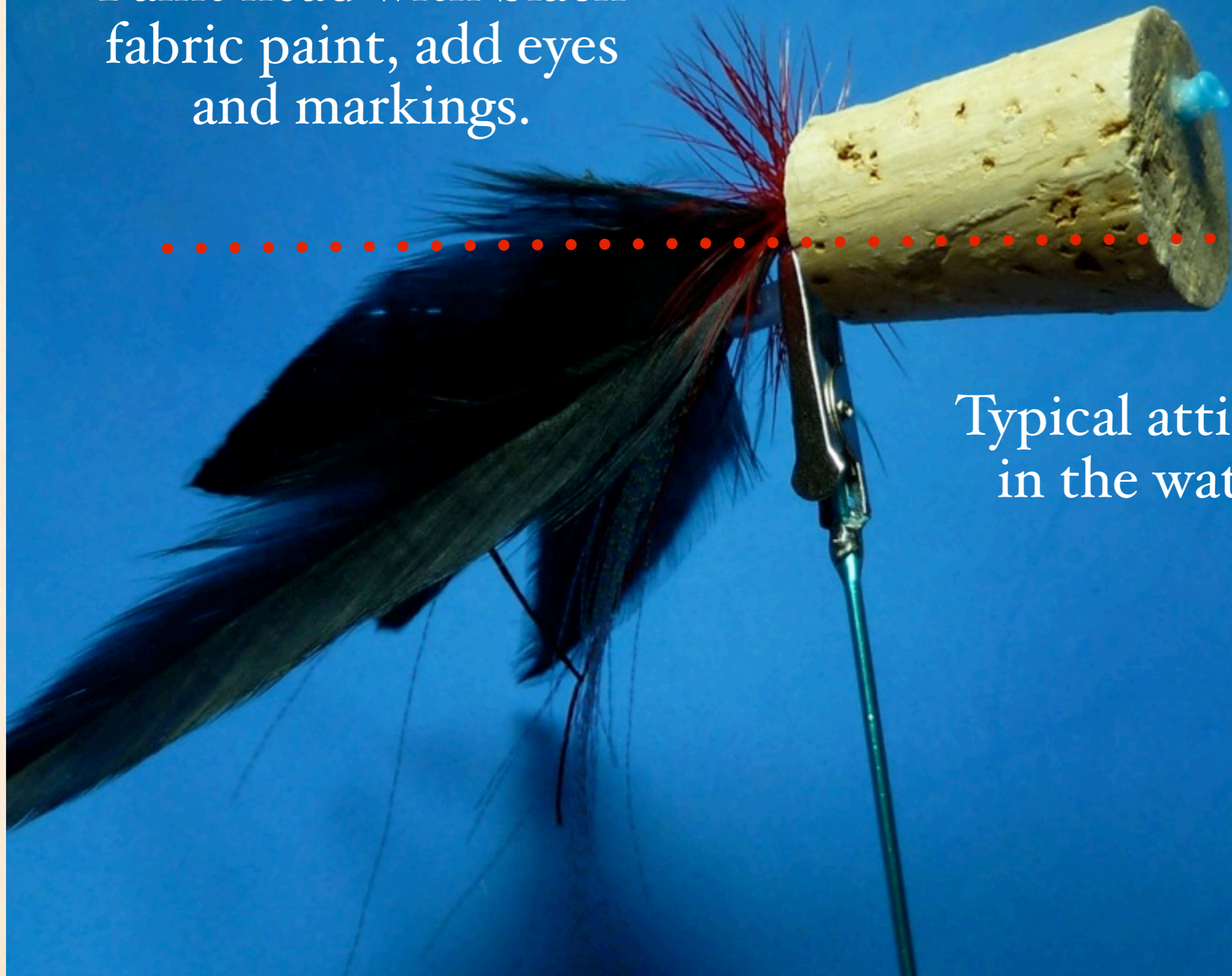
REAR VIEW

Hook

Junction tubing

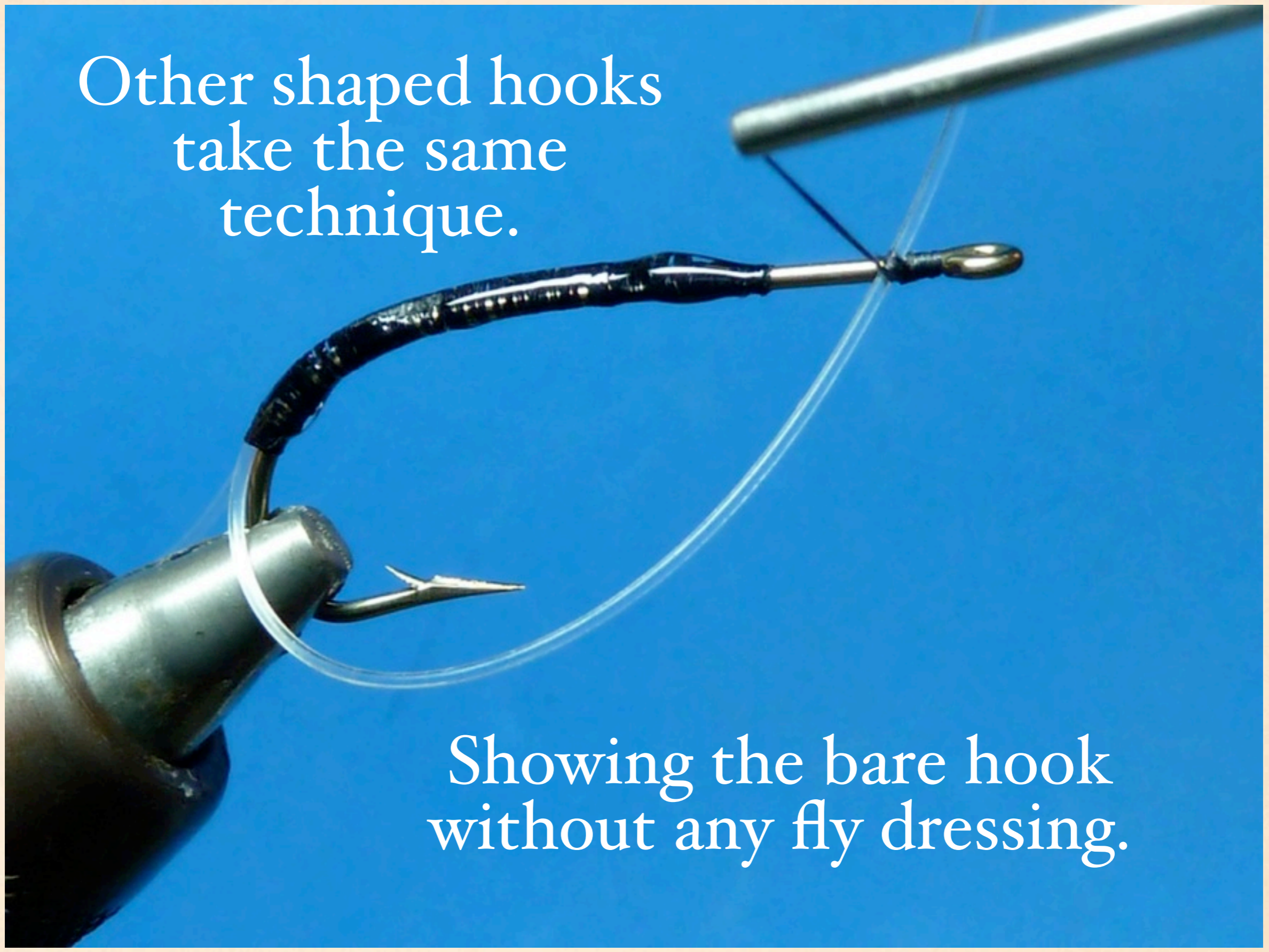


Paint head with black fabric paint, add eyes and markings.



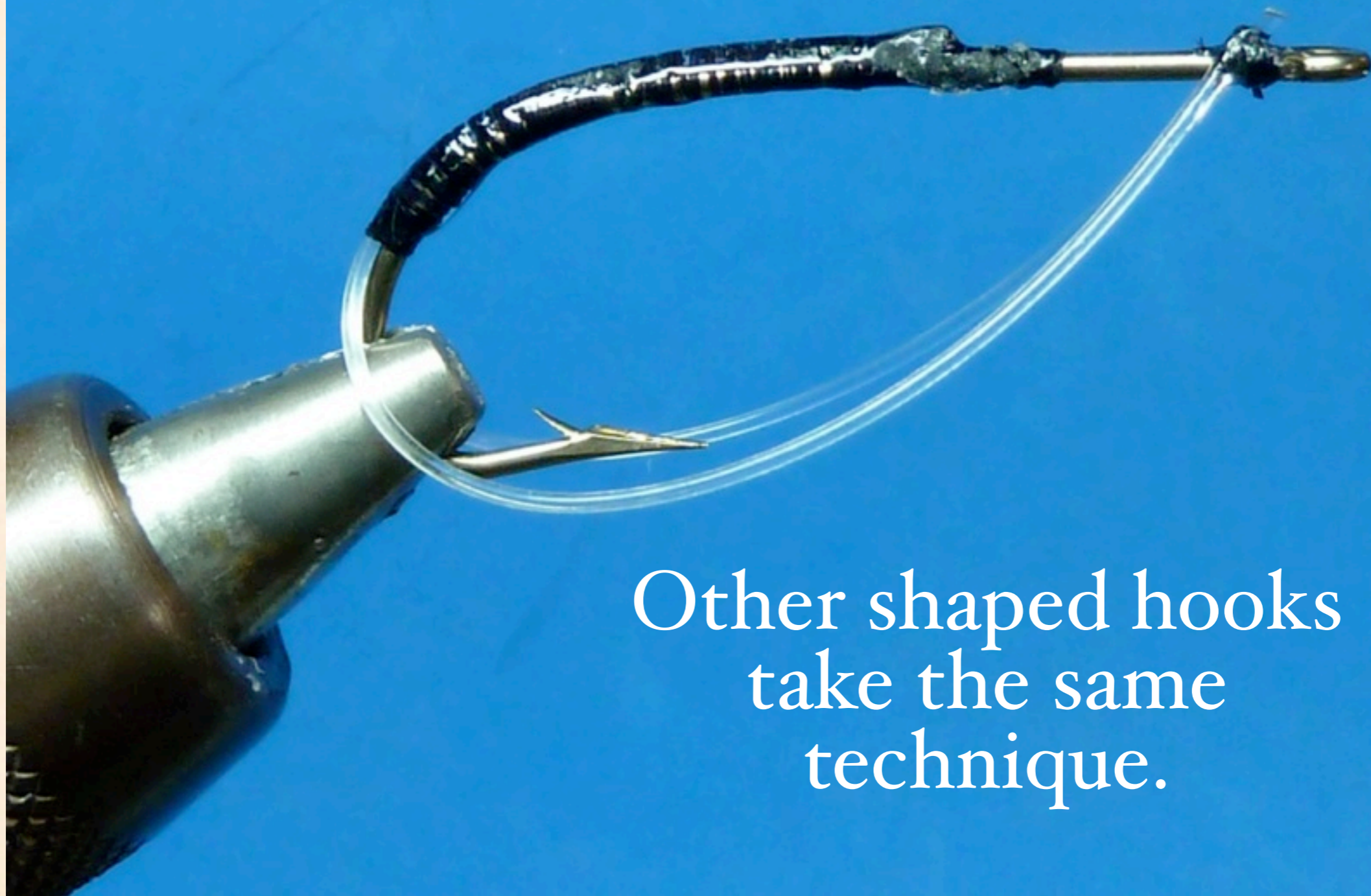
Typical attitude
in the water.

Other shaped hooks
take the same
technique.



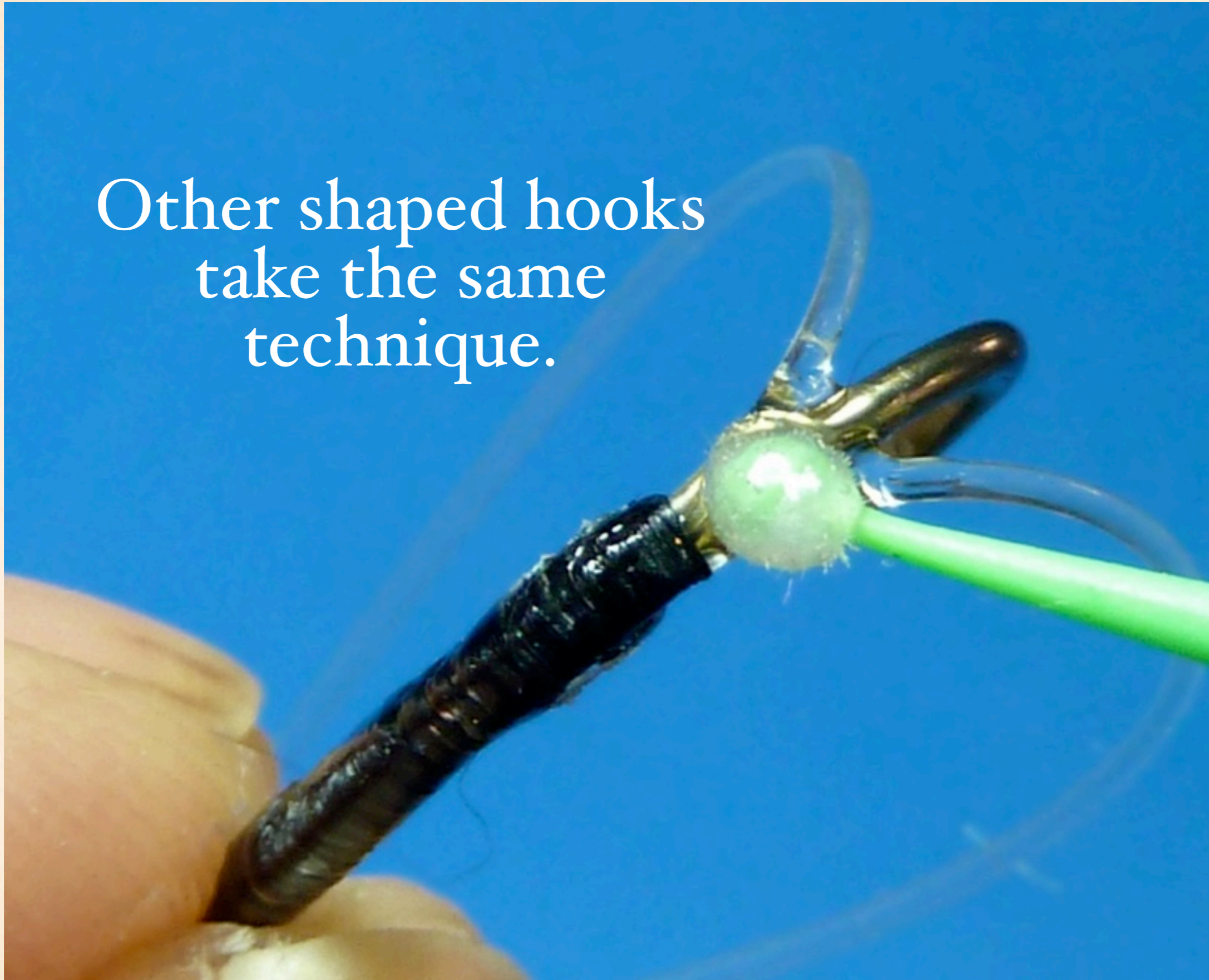
Showing the bare hook
without any fly dressing.

The longer the hook shank,
the heavier the mono should be.

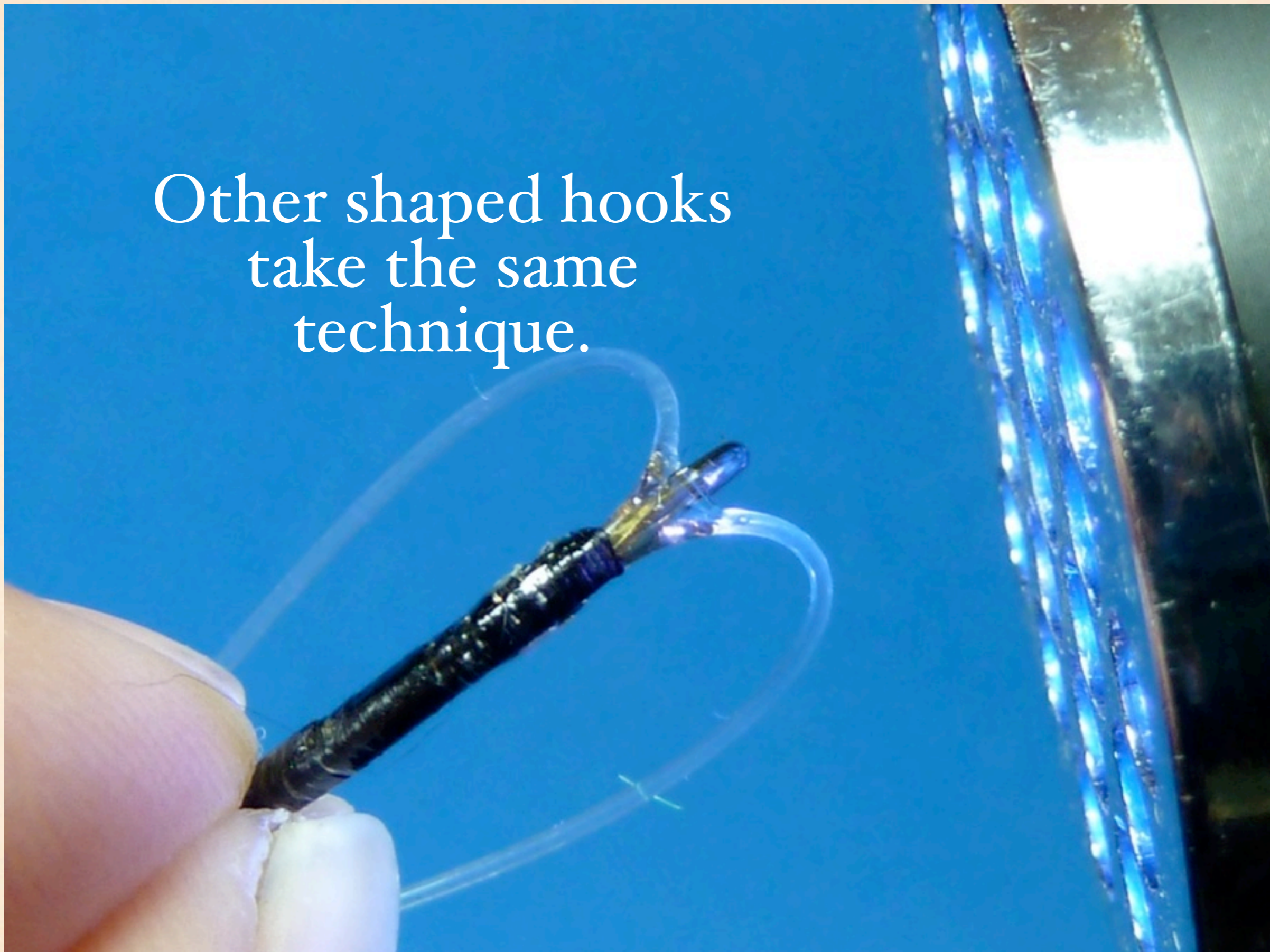


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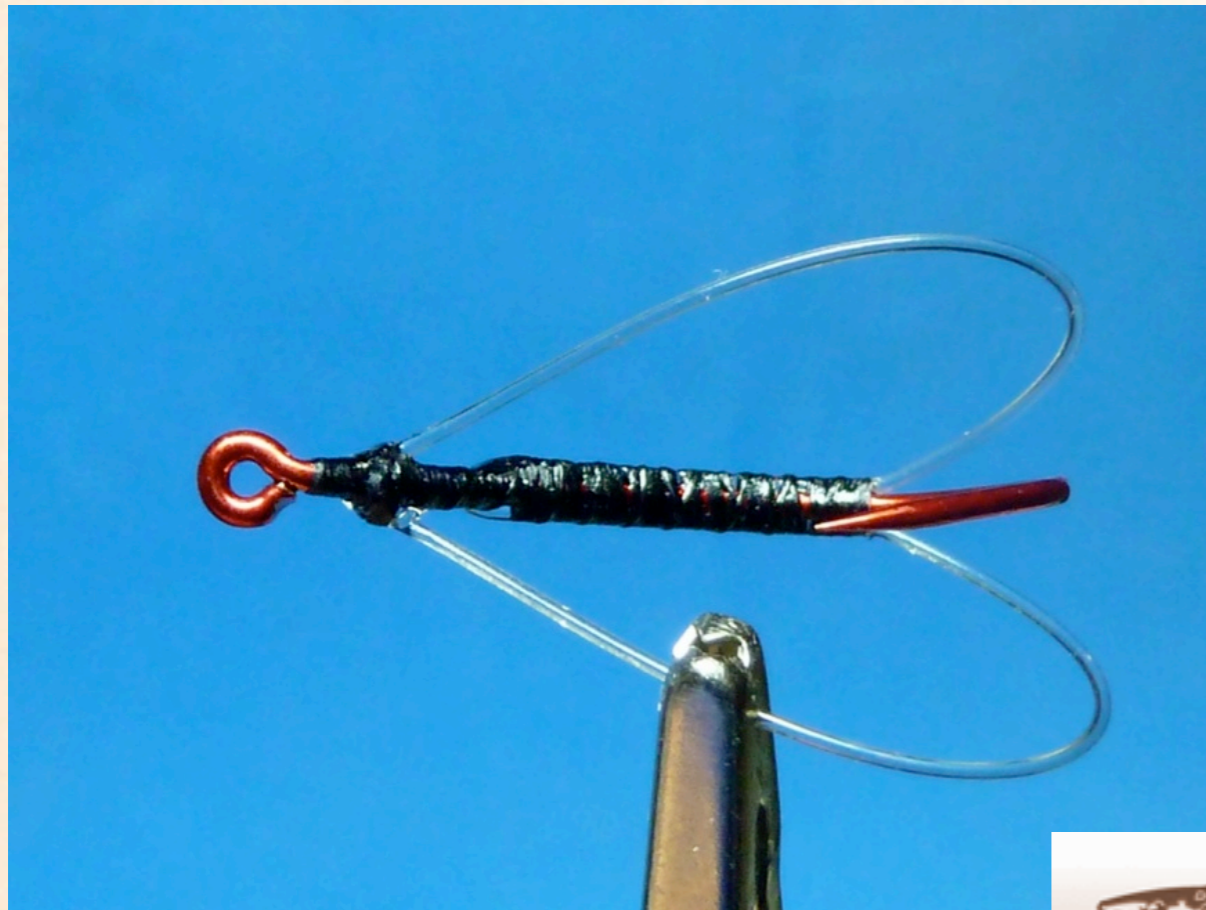
This is the same hook
in a dressed fly.



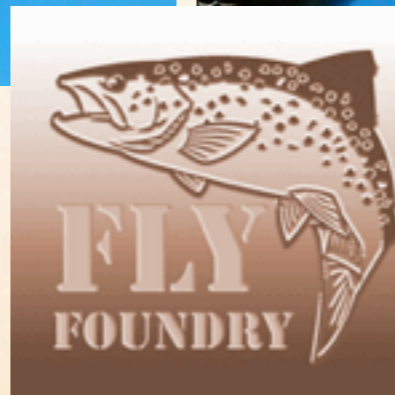


A trio of
Larry's Lizard
Bass flies...
note the
double mono
weed guards.

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