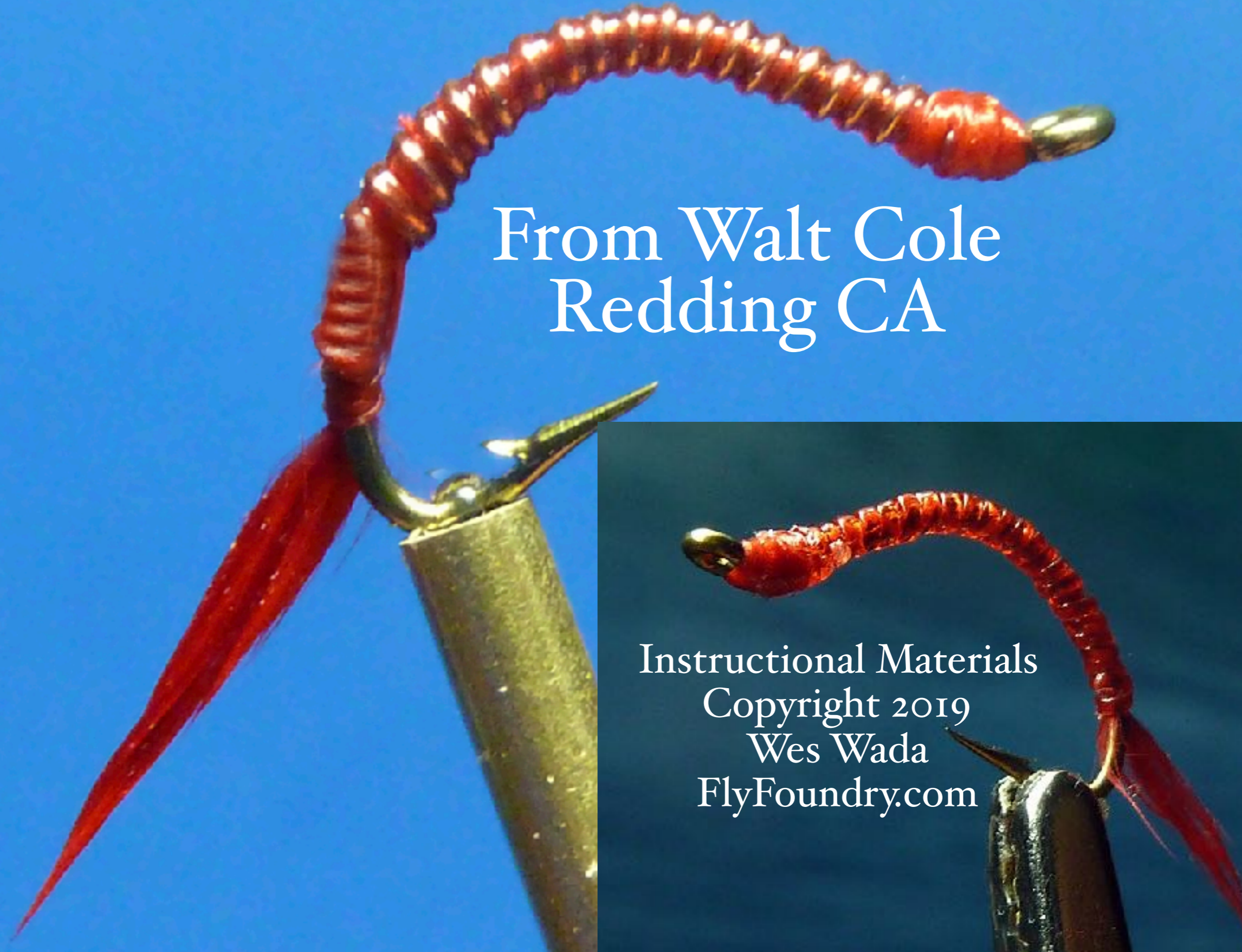


TWO MIDGE LARVA PATTERNS

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BOTH patterns
specify use of Woolly Bugger
marabou for tails





Pull this many fibers
from a Woolly Bugger
marabou feather



Wet the feather clump
to make it easier to handle.

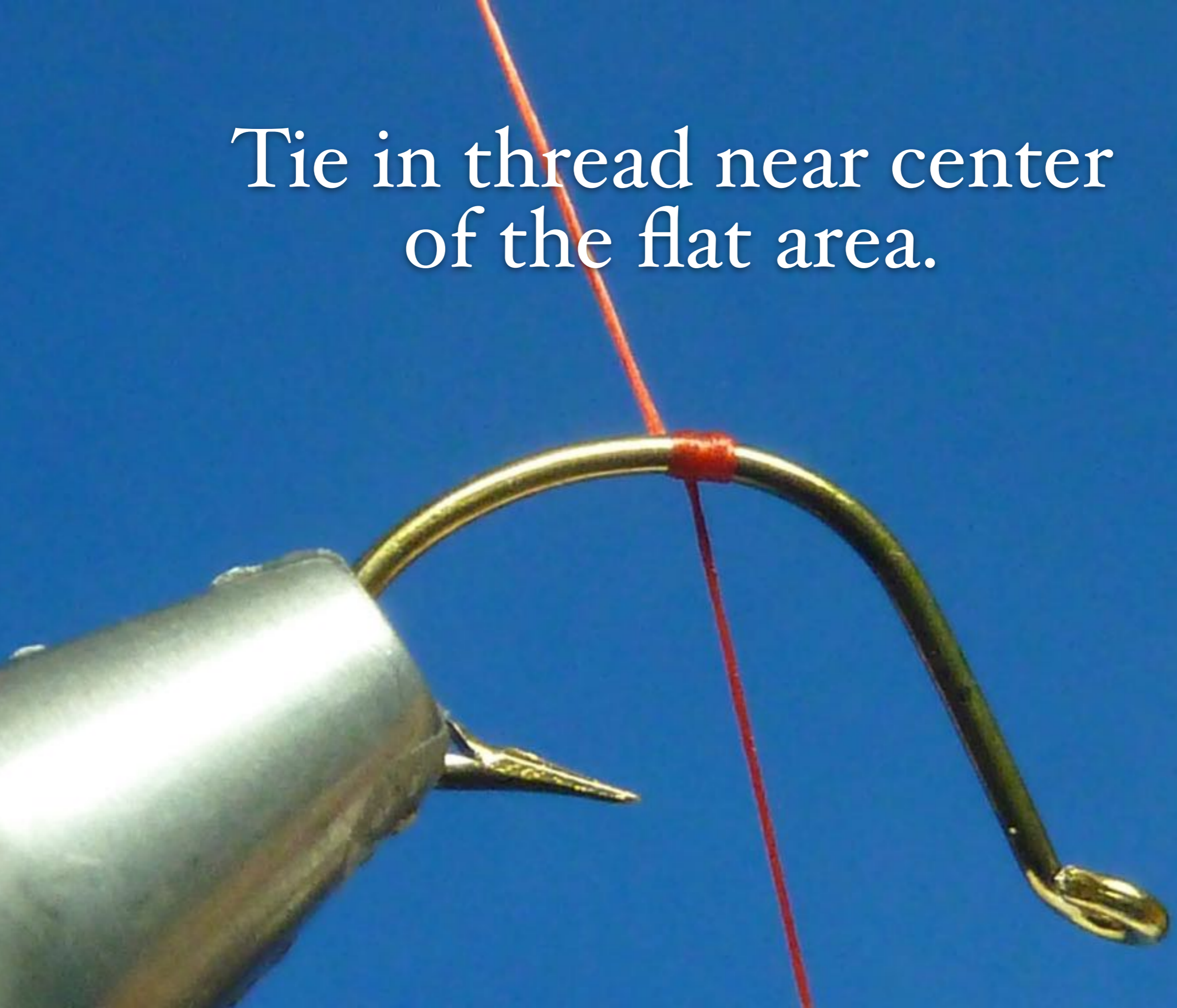


Cut off butt end
Cleanly.

Insert hook into vise so that
flat part of the rear is level.



Tie in thread near center
of the flat area.



Tie in butt end of
marabou clump.



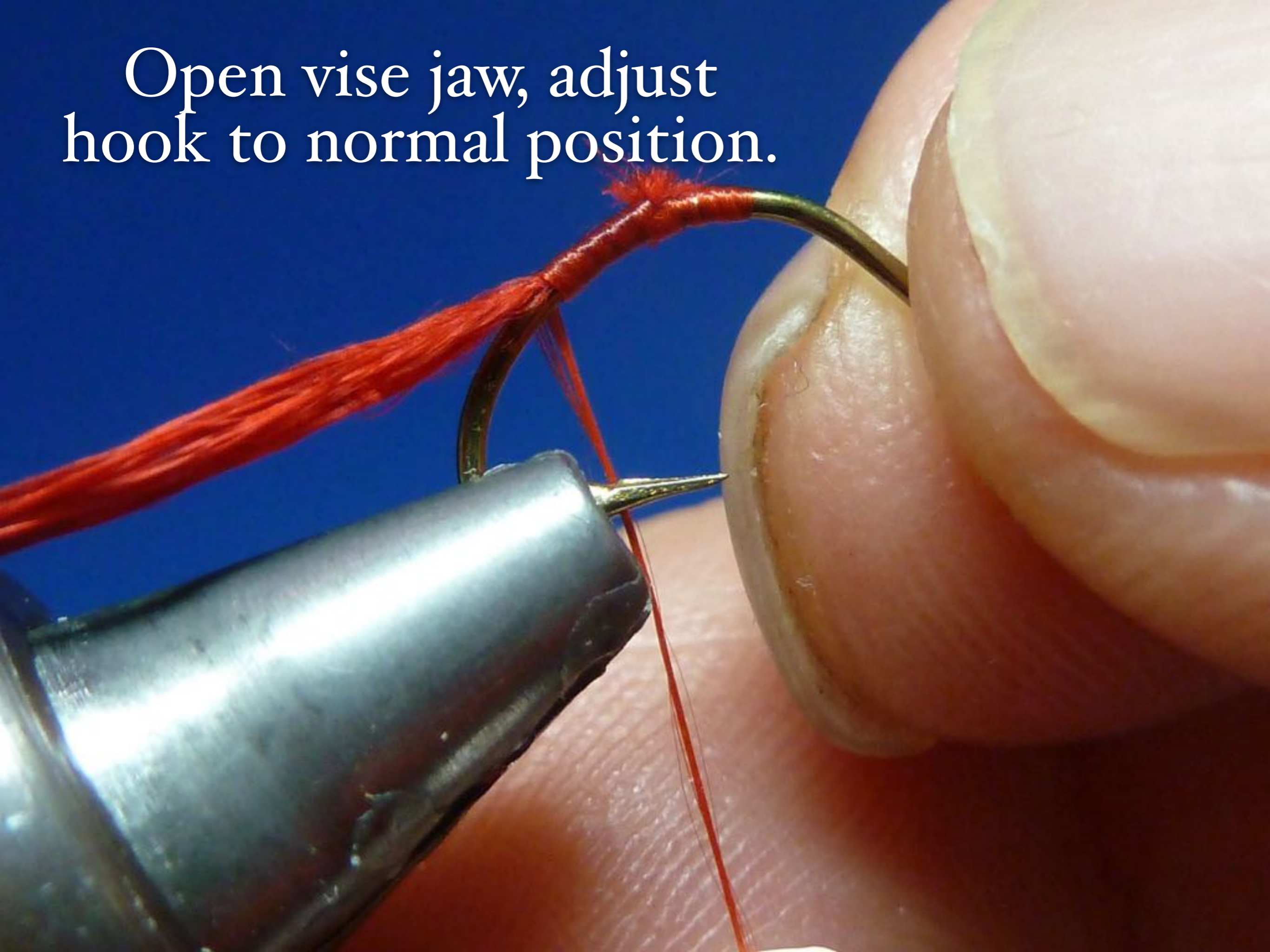


Advance thread to rear over marabou.



Wind thread deep
into hook bend.

Open vise jaw, adjust
hook to normal position.





After this step, the two flies
have different procedures...

OIL-FILLED LARVA



MATERIAL LIST: Oil-filled Version

Hook: #16 or #18 Mustard 37160

Underbody Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 Red

Body: Midge (for #16) or Micro (for #18) Transparent Red tubing. Liquid Lace highly recommended.

Oil filler: food grade Mineral Oil

Tail: Woolly Bugger Marabou in Red or Claret

Head cement (NOTE!): use water-based head cement only

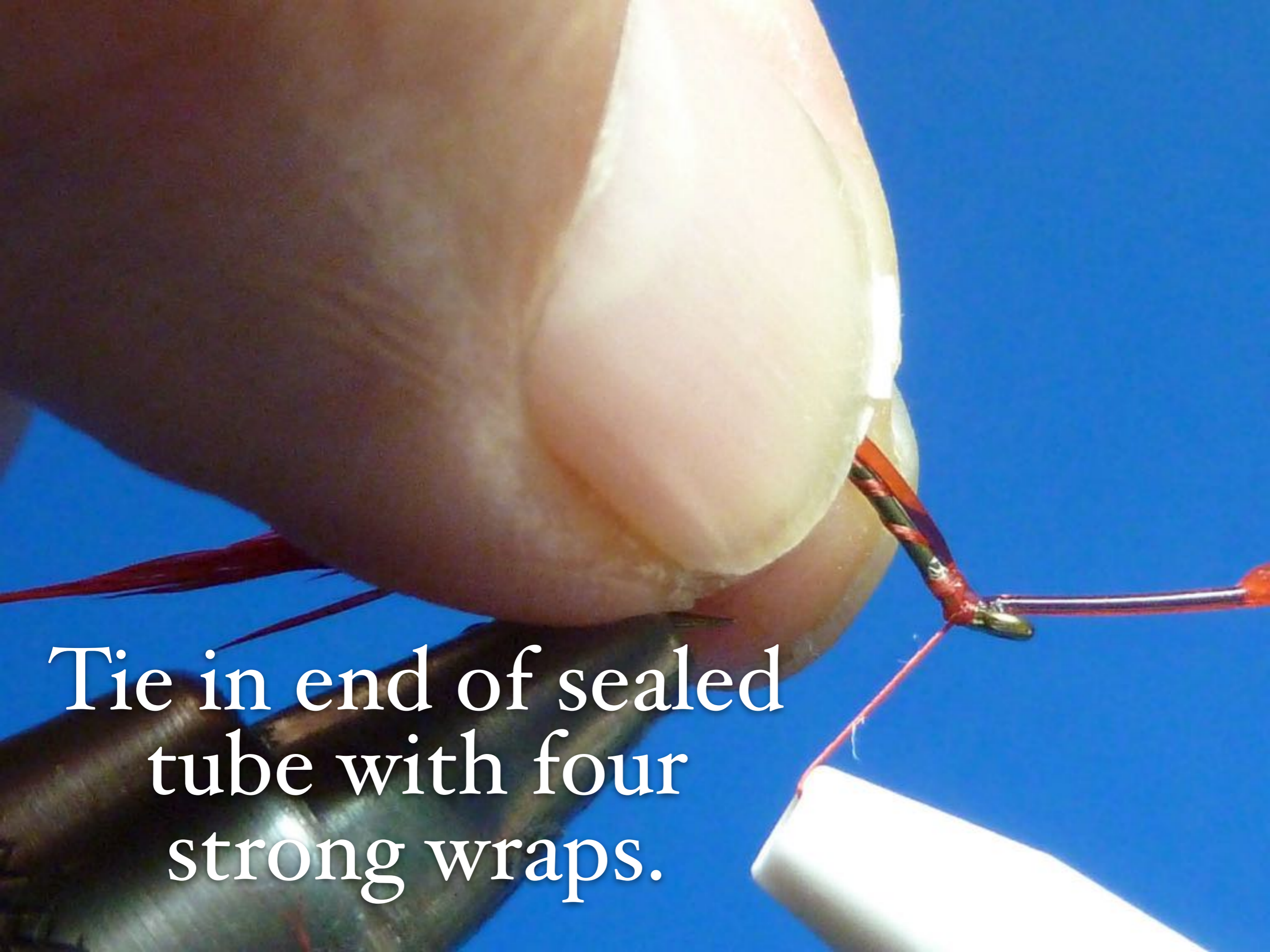




Advance thread in wide open turns to front of hook.

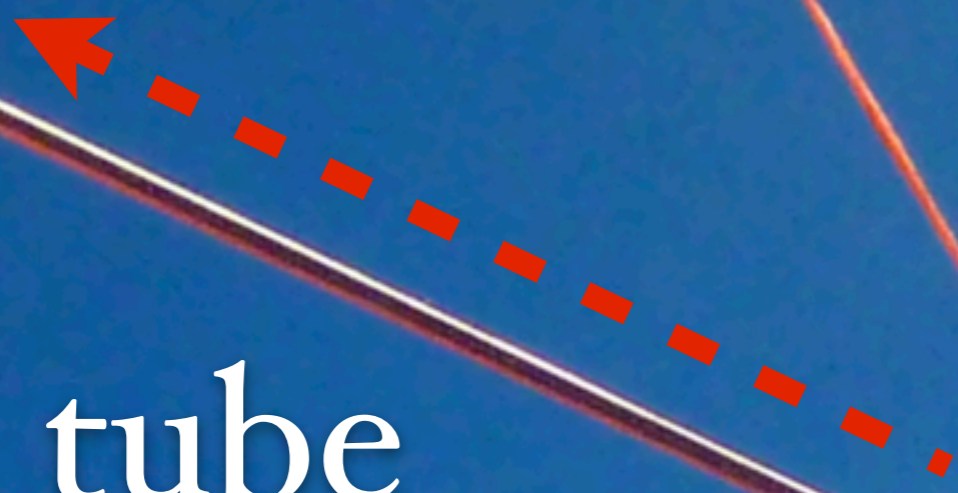


Whip-finish behind hook
eye, then cement!



Tie in end of sealed
tube with four
strong wraps.

Pull tube
very tightly
to rear.





Wrap thread in
open turns over
tubing

End wrapping over stretched tubing at base of marabou.



A close-up photograph of a fly fishing hook being finished. The hook is silver and has a red thread tied around its eye. A pair of silver pliers is being used to secure the thread. The background is a solid blue color. The text "Tightly whip-finish to secure.!" is overlaid on the image in white, serif font.

Tightly whip-finish
to secure.!

Advance thread in loose
Turns to front of hook.



Trim off tag end of
Tube.



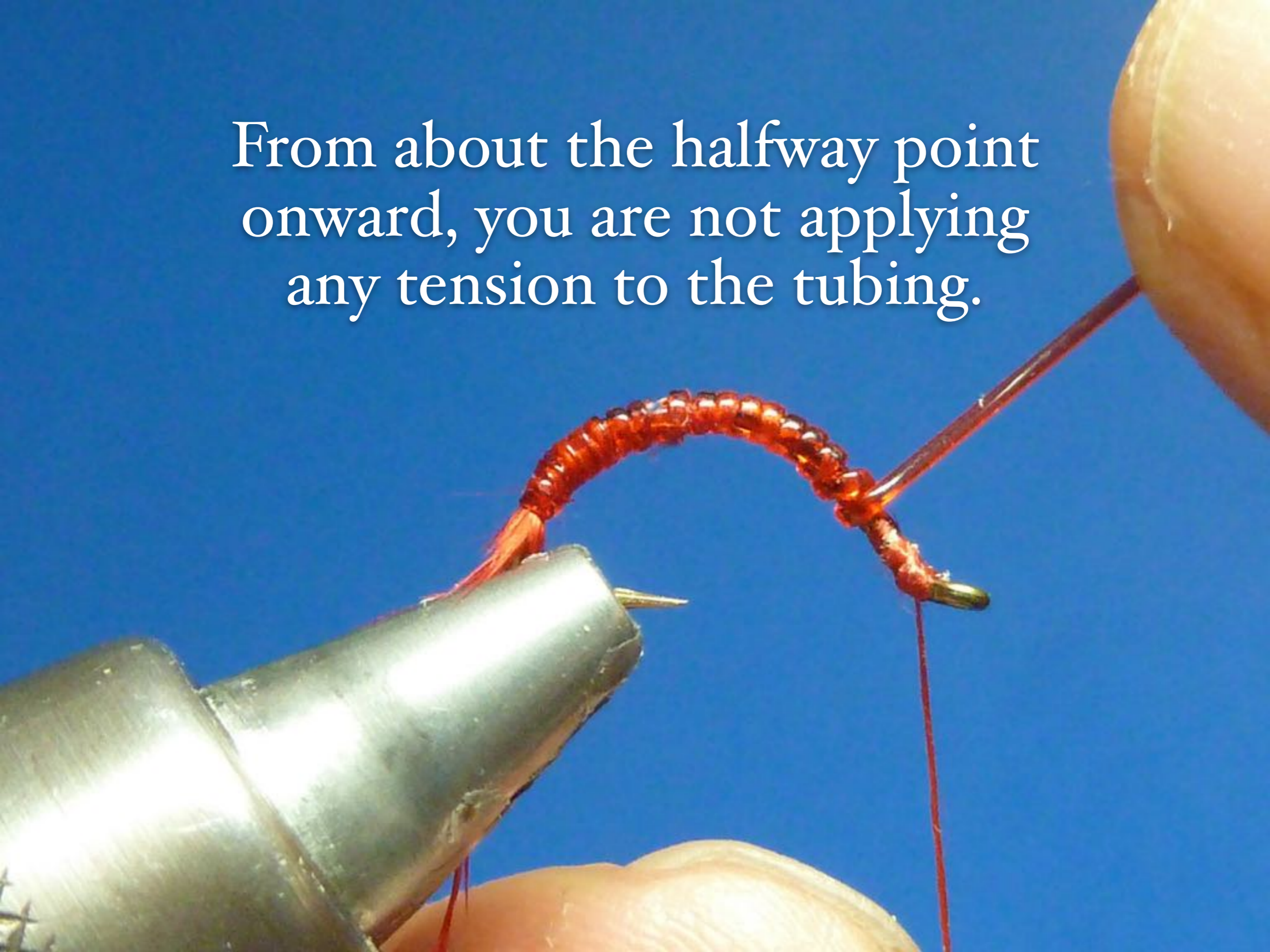
Pull tightly, wrap tubing in touching turns toward middle of the hook. Start with high tension then ease off gradually.



Use your fingernail
to push wraps
against each other.
Don't leave gaps.



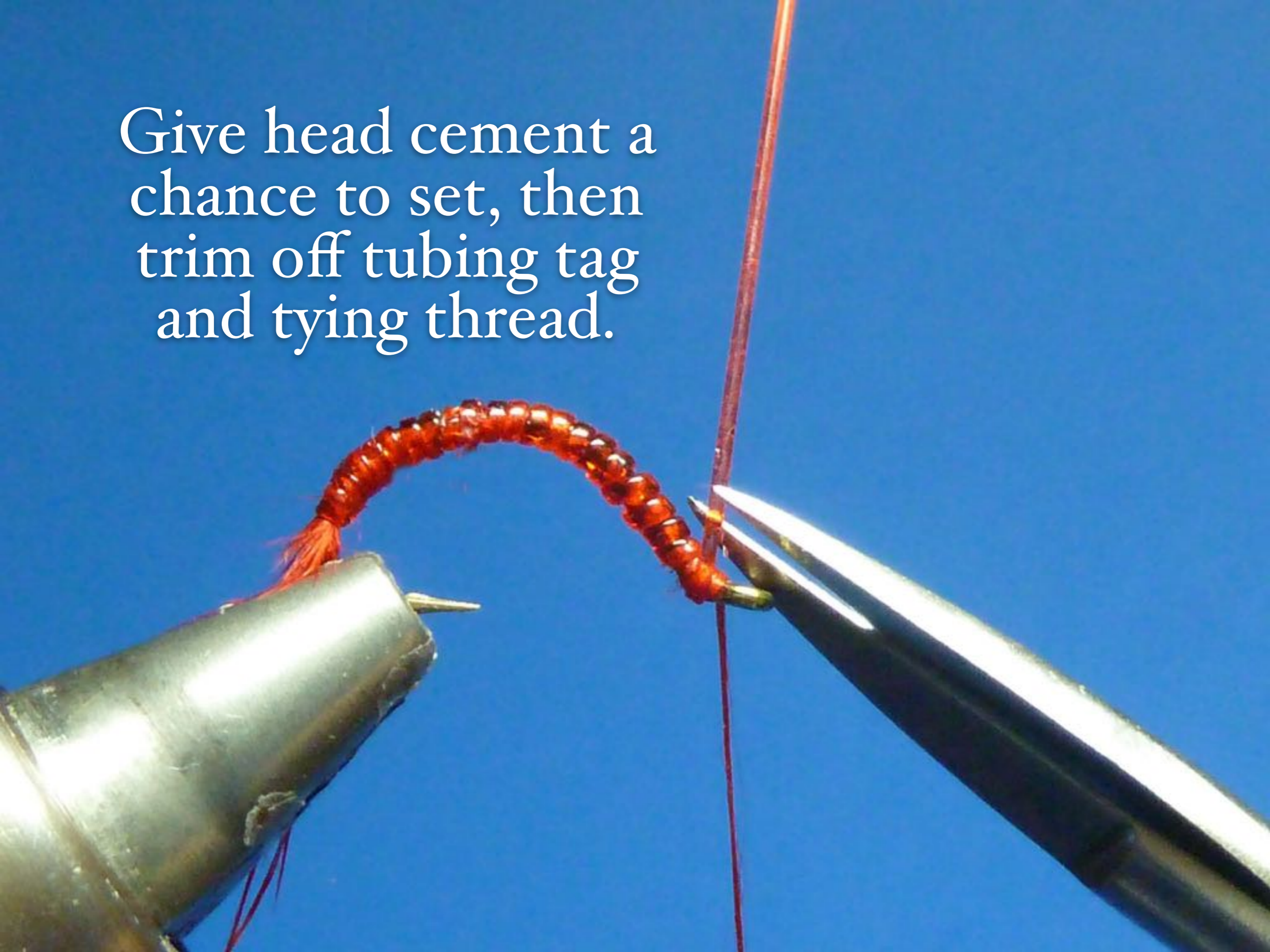
From about the halfway point onward, you are not applying any tension to the tubing.



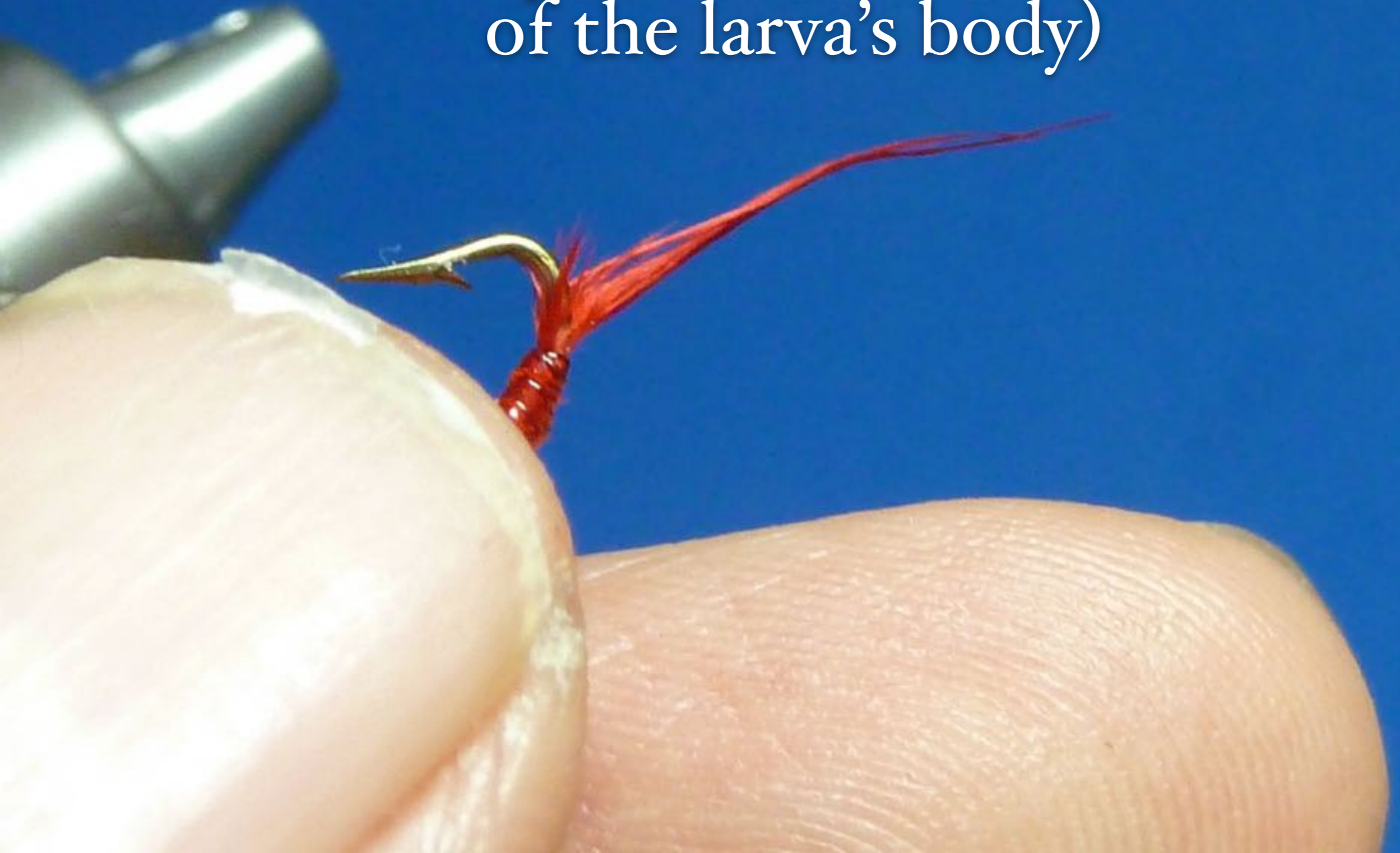
Whip finish, tie off strongly.
Immediately coat
with head cement.



Give head cement a chance to set, then trim off tubing tag and tying thread.

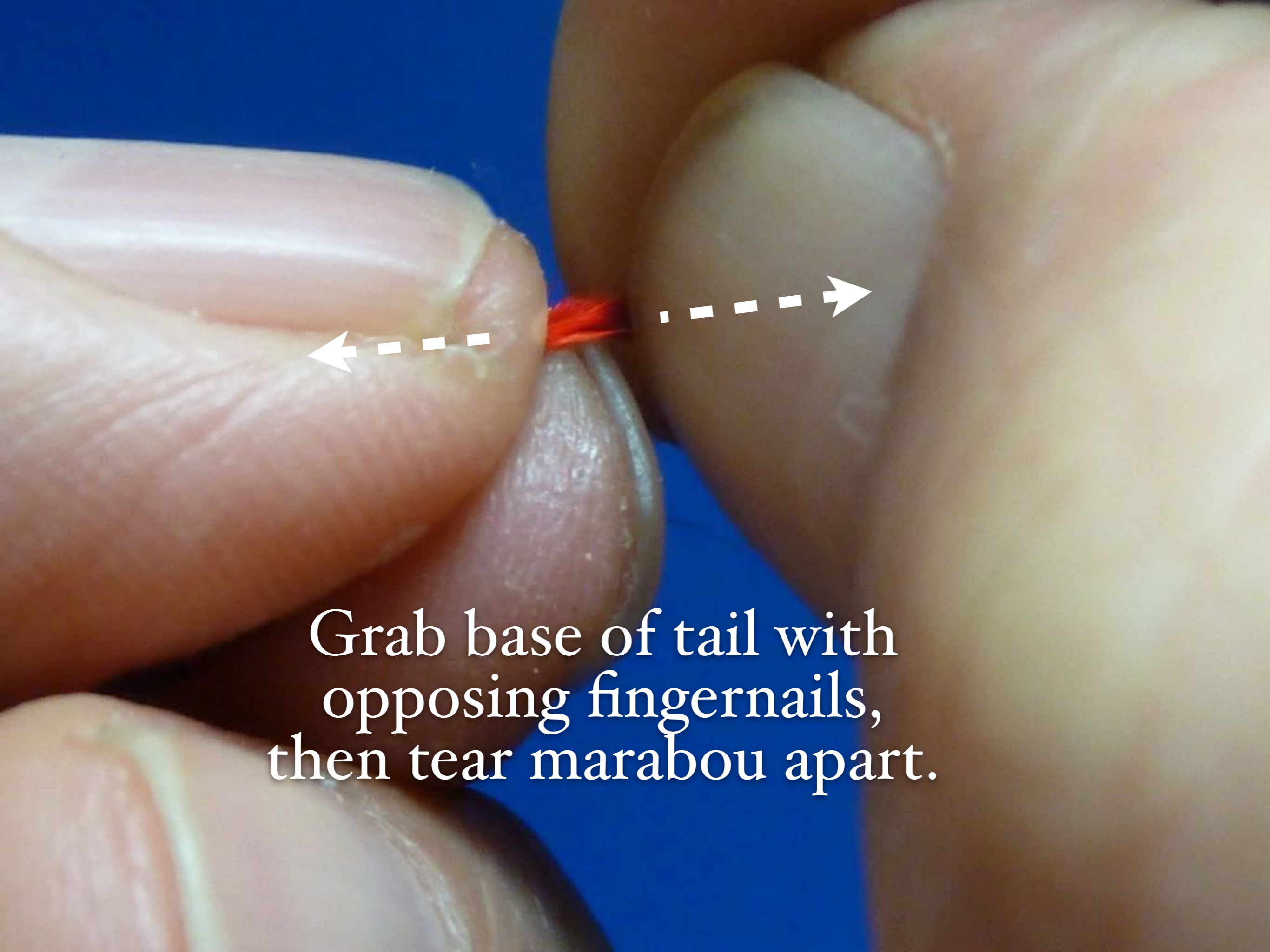


Examine length of tail.
(It represents an extension
of the larva's body)




Grab end of tail with
fingernails at the length
you want.





Grab base of tail with
opposing fingernails,
then tear marabou apart.



Marabou is now the
desired length and
has a tapered end.



Finished Oil-filled
Larva



Finished Oil-filled
Larva



WIRE-FILLED
MIDGE LARVA

MATERIAL LIST: Wire-filled Version

Hook: #16 or #18 Mustad 37160

Underbody Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 Red

Body: Midge (for #16) or Micro (for #18) Transparent Red tubing. Liquid Lace recommended, other brands OK.

Wire Filler: Ultrawire Brassie size (for #16) or Ultrawire Small size (for #18) in Gold or Silver

Tail: Wooly Bugger Marabou in Red or Claret

Head cement (NOTE!): use water-based head cement only

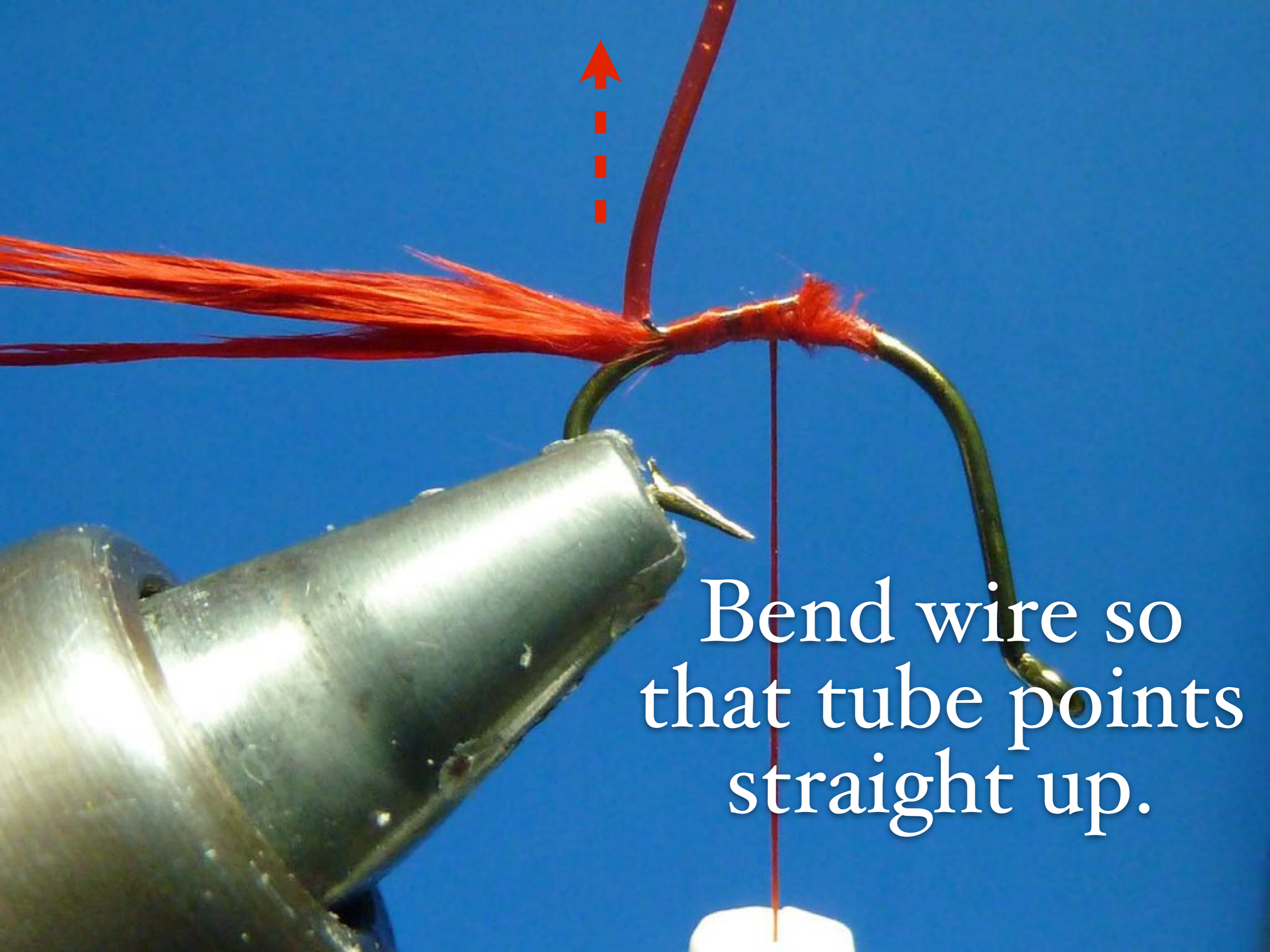


Expose 1/8" of wire
to tie in.



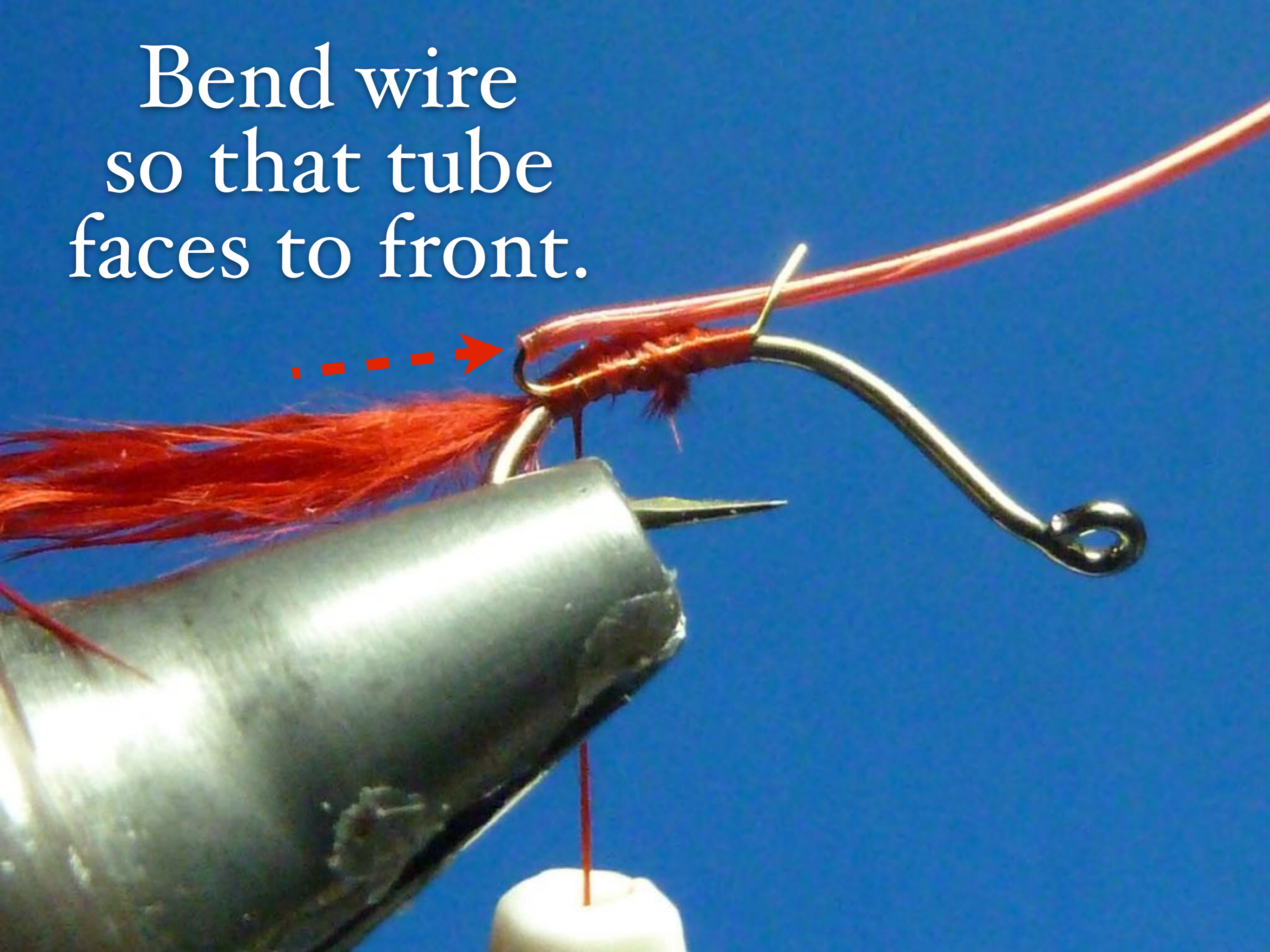
Wrap wire to hook
with open turns.

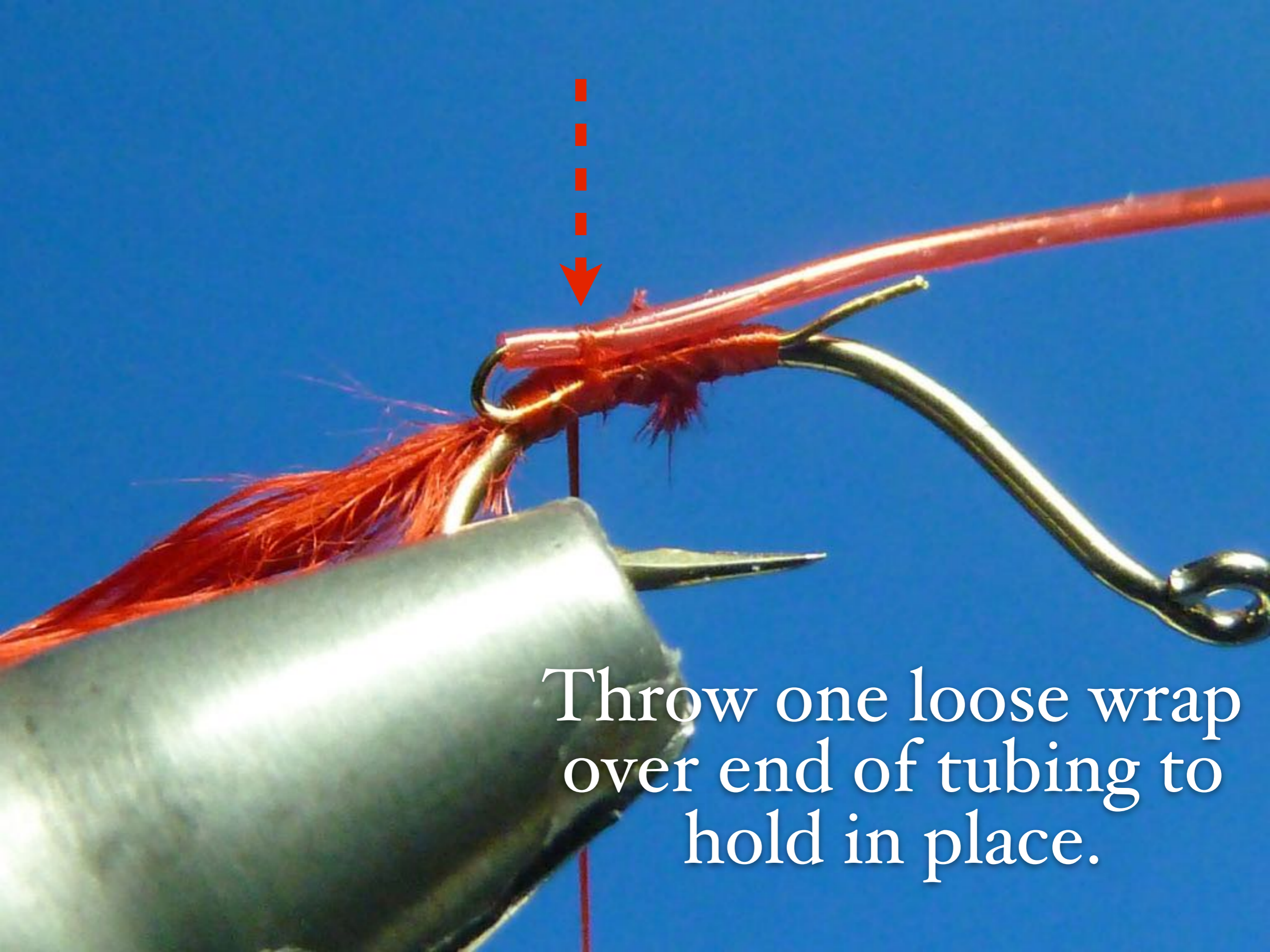




Bend wire so
that tube points
straight up.

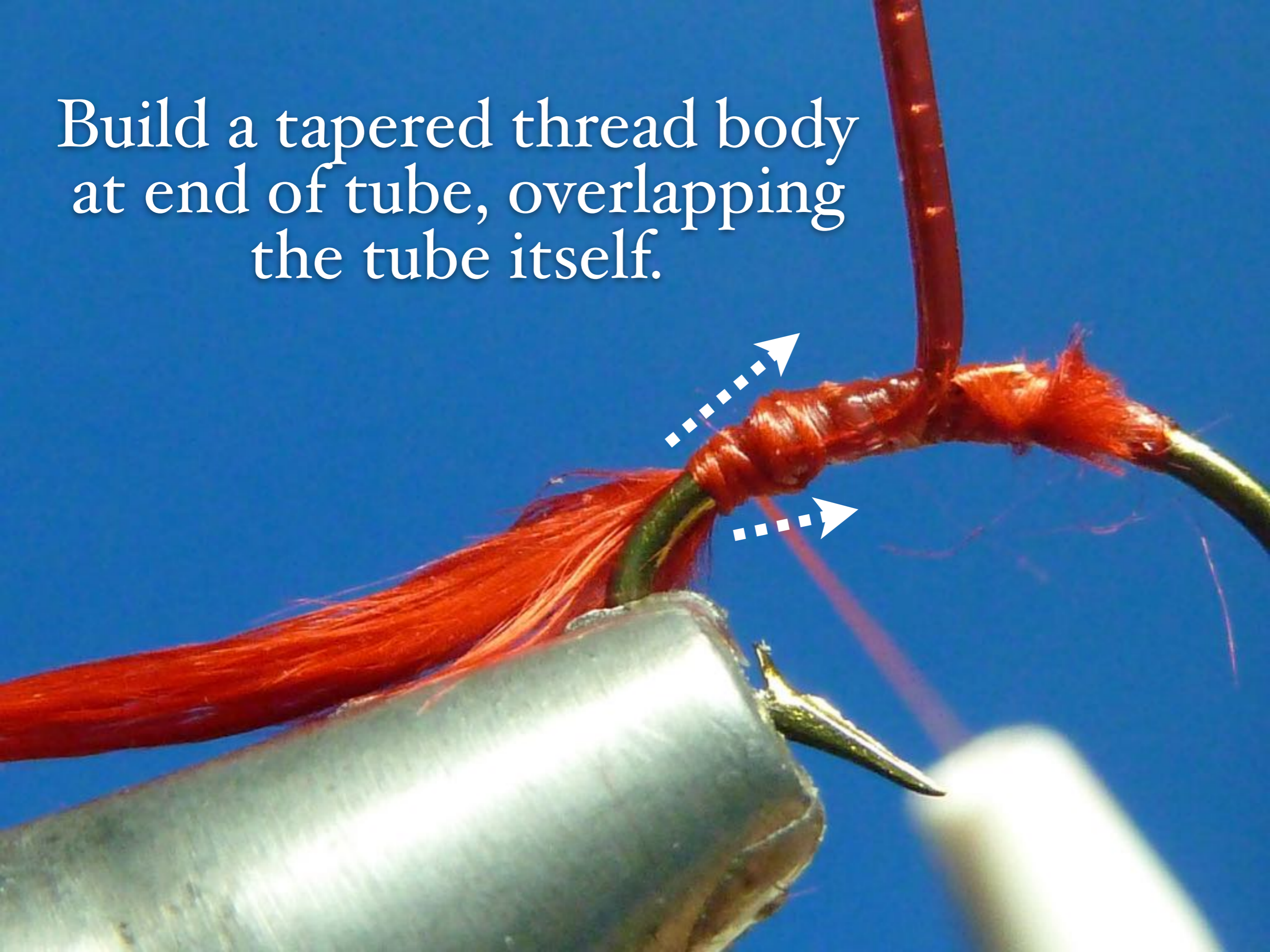
Bend wire
so that tube
faces to front.





Throw one loose wrap
over end of tubing to
hold in place.

Build a tapered thread body
at end of tube, overlapping
the tube itself.



Wind tube forward
in touching turns





Tie-off tube securely
behind hook eye.



Cut off tubing.



Whip-finish a
neat head to hide
end of tube.



Tear-off tail to
length desired.



A beadhead
version of
the fly.

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