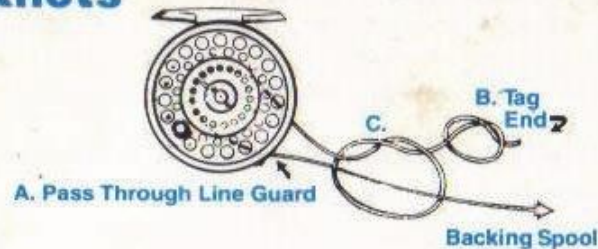


Useful Knots



Backing To Reel: A simple knot for attaching backing to the reel is shown above. Pass the tag end of the backing around the reel arbor and bring it out again. Tie an overhand knot in the end and tighten it. Now tie a second overhand knot around the standing part of the line and draw it tight. Pull on the line to slide and jam the knot against the arbor.

Fly Line To Backing: Now you are set to join the fly line to the backing with the Albright Knot. Unwind a foot or so of line from its plastic spool. Form a loop in the line end. Insert the tag end of the backing through the loop from the rear, and wrap six turns of backing around the loop, from left to right. Tuck the tag end of the backing through the front of the loop. Hold coils securely between left thumb and forefinger. Slowly pull on the standing part of the backing until the coils snug up into a tight, even knot. Trim tag ends.

