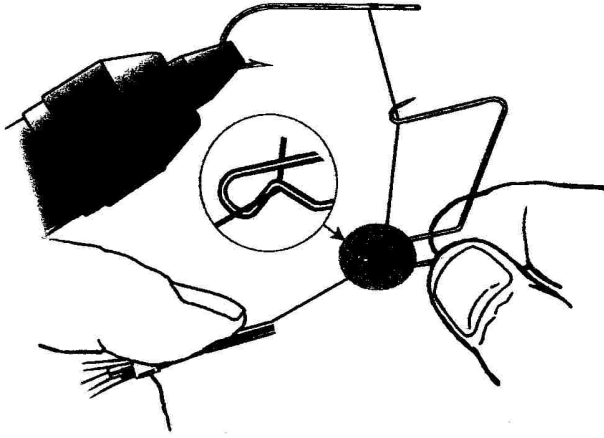
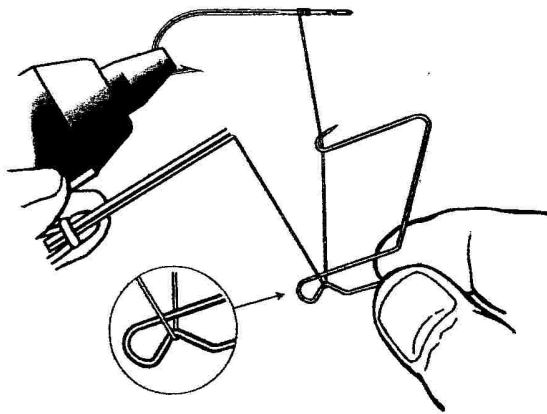


Whip Finish with Tool

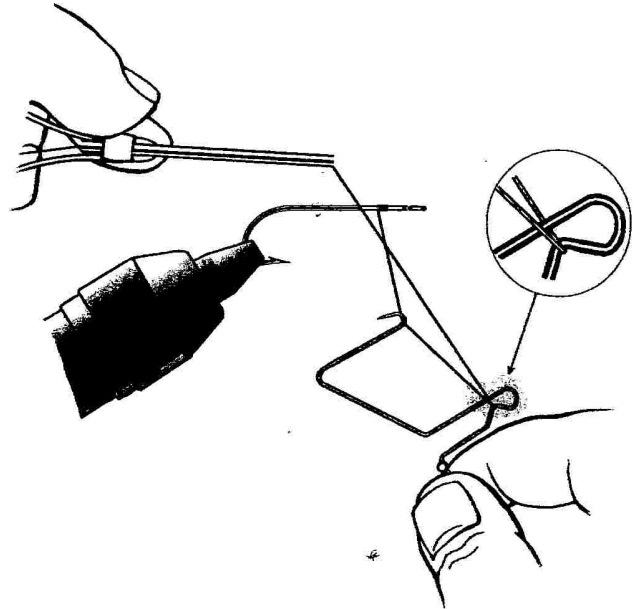
The whip finish is the standard knot for finishing a fly. It locks the thread in place so securely that in most cases, no cement is needed. (Many experts prefer to whip finish by hand because they can tie the knot faster and with more control. The best way to learn this method is by watching someone do it.)



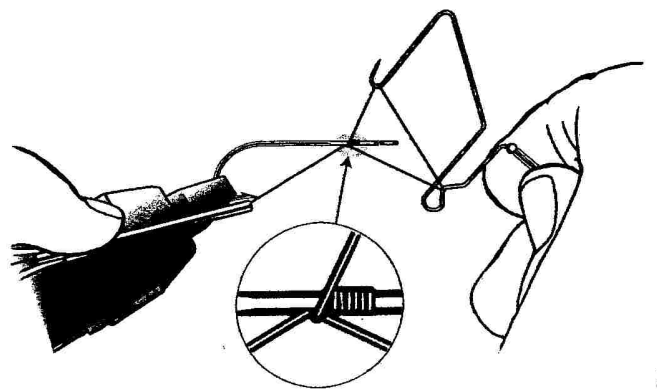
1. Begin with the bobbin about 4 or 5 inches below the hook. Gripping the tool with your forefinger behind it, so the upper shaft doesn't rotate in the handle, catch the thread in the hook at the top of the tool and lead it over the notch in the bottom.



2. Raise the bobbin up and to the left, maintaining tension to keep the thread in the notch.



3. While continuing to raise the bobbin, drop your forefinger from behind the tool and let the tool rotate naturally in its handle. The tool flips quickly during this move, and keeping the thread in the notch is the trickiest move in the whole whip finish sequence. Once you get the feel for this step, the rest is easy. You have created a triangle of thread that you will then simply spin around the hook toward the eye.



4. Spin the tool in small circles, wrapping the thread around the hook toward the eye.