You’ll need:
- Spool of braid
- Darning needle
- Veniards Ultra Lace tubing – Fly tiers use it for nymph bodies
- Superglue – Make sure it’s not water soluble
- Scissors, some leader material say 8 or 10lb and a nail or something similar.
- Oh yeah! – Patience and about 18 fingers

1) Cut approx’ 8 inches of your preferred braid and insert into eye of darning needle
2) Insert needle into core of hollow braid
3) Continue to thread needle through core of braid for approx 1 1/2 inches. Loop forming at eye
4) Expose and pull needle through side wall. Do not let the loop at the eye close as you pull

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5) Continue pulling the needle and braid through the outer core. Keep an eye on the loop.

6) Needle and braid are now pulled through. Manipulate loop to required size.

7) The knot tied in the braid above is the outer core of the braid which is just for me to use as a reference.

8) Cut piece of Ultra Lace tube. About 10mm.

9) Thread the leader material through your loop. Needs to be strong enough to pull without breaking.

10) Now insert both ends of leader into the tube.

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11) Push tube down the leader material to formed loop

12) Pull the loop through the tube. Take your time, don’t let the tube fold over itself as you pull.

13) Loop now pulled through tube

14) Insert nail or similar to stop loop closing and to assist when pulling tube over fly line.

15) Push tube slightly back up over the loop to expose as much of the braid as possible

16) Trim fly line at about 45 degrees
   - Gluing it will also seal it and stop the tip sinking

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17) Alternatively heat seal the end as above 😊 - Stops the tip absorbing water through the core and sinking

18) Insert your fly line into the inner core of the braid, not the one with your knot in it (see pic. 7)

19) Continue threading your fly line through the core of the twin walled braid

20) Push back the outer core and thread through the exposed inner core. It’s a lot easier and quicker

21) Once you’ve gone as far as you can. Stroke the outer core back over the fly line

22) Voila!! – But it’s not quite far enough
23) As you can see there’s half an inch to go. Get line as close to the loop as possible.

24) Continue threading as far as you can to the loop. 😊 - This is why we pushed the tube back at the start (see 15).

25) Now slide the tube down and over the line. 😊 - How good is that tube, you can’t even see it.

26) The tube as you can see, or not in this case has now come to rest above where the line was inserted.

27) This is trimming the outer core of the braid. The piece that I put the knot in (see pic. 7).

28) Stroke the remaining braid towards the loop. This opens all the strands making it easy to trim.

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29) I call it spider legs!

30) Now trim it all off close to the tube

31) Like this

32) Pull the tube just a small amount further to hide the braid ends - this finishes it off lovely

33) Put the smallest, smallest, smallest, dab of waterproof superglue just at the top of the tube

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Hey presto, cheap as chips to make and better than anything you’ll buy.

They just don’t get any better!

Twin walled leader loops are incredibly strong and allow you to minimise the distance between the tip of the fly line and braided loop.

Hints and tips:
- For #2 - #5 weight lines I use 12lb breaking strain braided material – it’s thinner and compliments the line
- For #6 weights and up I’ll use either 20 or 30lb breaking strain.
- An alternative to using Ultra Lace would be to whip finish the braid instead with tying thread or mono.
- As well as using the polyurethane braids as in the above, for some very light lines #2 & #3 weights, I’ve also used the material backing braids, bit of a pain to thread etc but the finish is nice, really soft and supple.
- Rather than use tubing to secure the braided loop, another preferred method is to whip finish the braid and finish with a coating of aquasure/polyurethane (the sealer stuff you get in a tube for your leaking waders)
- There are arguments for and against braided loops, some anglers hate them, others love em’. They’re totally versatile, easy to make and if you’re a furler who uses a variety of leaders in a days fishing, there’s nothing that fits the bill better.

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