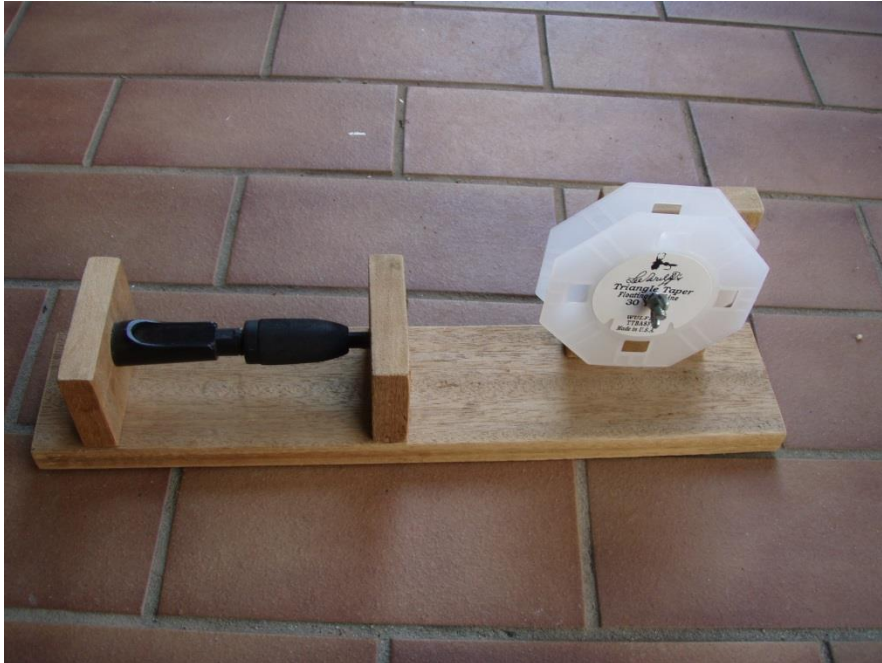


Spooling Your Fly Line

If you are anything like me, you've got more lines than reels/reel spools/reel cartridges. You then need to work out how to unspool that unsuitable line off your reel so you can to put on a different line that better suits the next trip away.



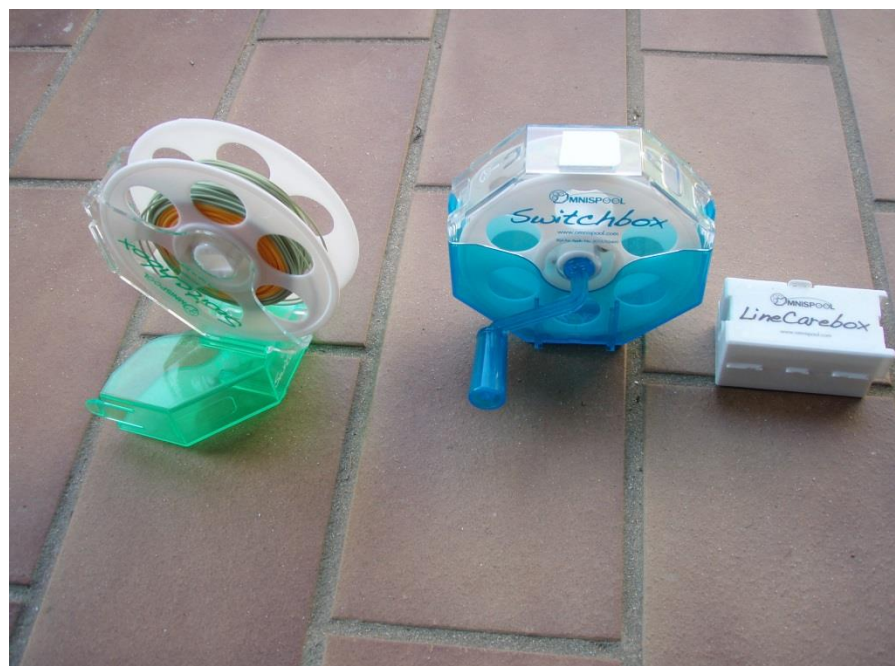
For some years I've been using a very rough and ready home built spooler to put the lines back on manufacturer spools. The system is pretty cludgy and certainly not suitable to take away on trips. My poor manufacturing skills also meant that that the cute winding handle detached itself very early in its working life (and the plastic spool has a habit of winding itself off the bolt!).

Well, I've been lucky enough on my birthday to receive from a good mate an excellent replacement.

On the left is my Teeny #8 line spooled up on an Omnispool Switchbox ready to be wound onto a reel.

In the middle is an empty spool with its detachable handle ready to unload a reel.

On the right is the associated line cleaner which can clip to one side of the Switchbox to clean the line as it is wound through.



More information is available at <http://www.caddisflyshop.com/omnispool-switchbox-kit.html>
Plus there's even a video of the system being used at <http://omnispool.com/switchbox-technical-specs/>

Each Switchbox comprises three pieces: the cover in two halves and the spool itself. The winding handle is bought separately and thus is removable. The two halves of the cover can be separated and clipped together like the one of the left of the picture – in the movie the fisherman holds the contraption on the floor with his feet on the coloured part when winding off the spool. This worked OK for me though I'm surprised there was no gadget to clamp the system to your rod instead. The coloured half can also be clipped to another spool cover side by side to lock together all your spools into one block.

Peter K did ask about how fragile the plastic might be ... I certainly wouldn't want to stand on them, but the system does appear to be reasonably robust with solid plastic material.

All in all, I'm impressed and can recommend the system.

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