

General Dimensions For Fly-Tying

Traditional Dry Fly

Tail.....Full hook length
Body.....Slightly more than 1/2 hook shank
Wings.....Front tip of hook eye to mid hook bend
Hackle length....1 1/2 to 2 times hook gap
Wing Location....1/4 hook shank behind hook eye

Parachute Dry Fly

Tail.....Front tip of hook eye to mid hook bend
Post Location....1/4 hook shank behind hook eye
Hackle length....1 1/2 to 2 times hook gap
Post length.....Front tip of hook eye to mid hook bend

Comparadun Dry Fly

Tail.....Full hook length
Wing Location....1/4 hook shank behind hook eye
Wing length.....Front tip of hook eye to mid hook bend

Stonefly Dry Fly

Wing..... About a full hook length
Collar 1/2 hook shank length
Head..... 1/4 hook shank length
Body..... 3/4 hook shank length
Tail.....1/2 to 3/4 hook shank length

Caddis Dry Fly

Body..... 7/8 hook shank length
Wing..... Slightly more than full hook length
Hackle..... 1 to 2 times the hook gap

Nymph

Tail.....1/2 to 2/3 hook shank length
Abdomen..... Slightly more than 1/2 hook shank
Wingcase..... Slightly less than 1/2 hook shank length
Beard/Legs..... 1/2 to 2/3 hook shank length

Streamer & Bucktail

Tail.....Hook gap
Wing.....Up to 1 1/2 hook shank
Throat..... 1/3 hook shank length

Soft Hackle

Hackle..... Full hook shank length or less
Abdomen..... 2/3 to 3/4 hook shank length
Thorax..... 1/4 to 1/3 hook shank length

Wet Fly

Hackle..... 1 to 1 1/2 hook gap
Tail.....Hook shank length or slightly longer
Body..... Varies by pattern-generally 2/3 to full shank length
Wing.....Usually from hook eye to slightly past end of hook bend