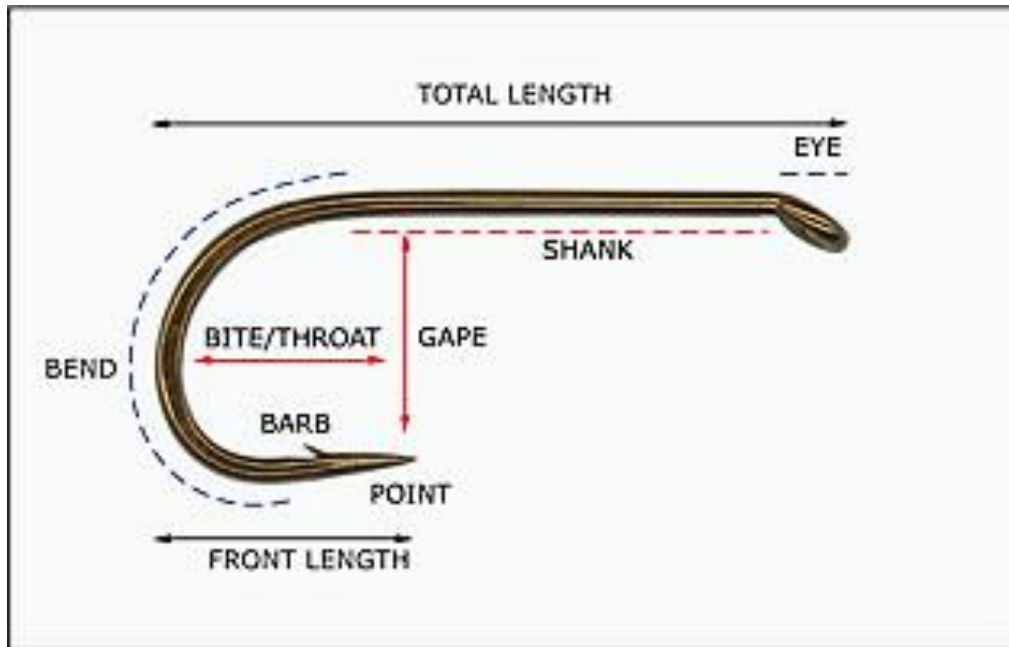


All About Hooks



This month I will try to demystify the hooks we tie our flies on.

Most all flies are tied in proportion to the hook it is tied on.

The 1x long is one eye length longer than a standard hook. The 2x long is two eye lengths longer than the standard hook.

The 1x short is one eye length shorter than a standard hook. The 2x short is two eye lengths shorter than the standard hook.

The 1x wide gape is one wire diameter wider. The 2x wide is two wire diameters wider and so on.

The 1x heavy hook is a larger wire diameter than standard hook.

The dry fly hook is a smaller wire diameter than a standard hook.

Perfect bends are used mostly in dry flies.

Sproat bends are used mostly for wet, nymph and streamers.

For DRY FLIES:

The tail length should be the same as the shank length.

The wing length should be the same as shank.

The hackle should be $1 \frac{1}{4}$ to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ of the gape.

The abdomen should be $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ of the shank length starting at the rear point of the shank.

The wing should be tied in the remainder of the shank, making sure you leave one eye length to finish the fly.

For wet flies, nymphs and streamers the dimensions vary as to the fly tied.
To tie a good looking nymph use the rear ½ of the shank for the abdomen and the front half for the thorax.

When using beadheads use a 2x long hook.

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