

THREAD, BEAD, AND LEAD WIRE SIZING

(General Guidelines Only)

BEAD TO HOOK SIZING CHART

3/16" bead for hook sizes 4-8
5/32" bead for hook sizes 8-12
1/8" bead for hook sizes 10-14
7/64" bead for hook sizes 12-16
3/32" bead for hook sizes 14-18
5/64" bead for hook sizes 16-20
1/16" bead for hook sizes 18-22

LEAD WIRE TO HOOK SIZING CHART

Weight: Lead or non-lead wire, sized appropriately for the hook.

.035-hook sizes 4 and larger
.030-hook sizes 6 and 4
.025-hook sizes 6 through 10
.020-hook sizes 12 and 14
.015-hook sizes 14 and 16
.010-hook sizes 18 and smaller

THREAD CONVERSION CHART

<u>Denier</u>	<u>Old Designation</u>
35	12/0
70	8/0
140	6/0
210	5/0
280	3/0

THREAD TO HOOK SIZING CHARTS

Thread size to hook size is largely a matter of personal preference and there is no definitive industry standard. Generally speaking, smaller sizes of thread are used for tying flies on smaller hooks and heavier sizes of thread are used for tying flies on larger hooks. Most fly material recipes suggest a thread size for specific fly patterns and hook sizes. A very general guide would be to consider the following:

8/0 or 70 denier for sizes 16 and smaller
6/0 or 140 denier for sizes 4 through 14
3/0 or 140 denier for size 1 and larger
210 or even 280 denier thread might be considered for very large hooks.