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I think many guys on the board can agree that the pattern you use doesn't have as much impact on your success as to your technique. If you present a fly to a trout the correct way, it's not going to question the fly because it's two weeks too early for tan caddis to be hatching.

As a general rule for me as far as nymphs go, I start small early early season, then when the weather breaks I jump up to size 12-14 flies. Pheasant tails, hare's ears, copper johns, etc. As the season goes on, I gradually get smaller in my fly selection. There are exceptions, like size 10 or 12 slate drakes that mess up my thought process.

Find out what bugs are on the waters you fish and use them as a general rule of thumb, not a bible. If you go to fish expecting sulfurs and there are caddis everywhere, use a caddis. If there's nothing really going on, just pick a fly that catches your eye, looks buggy, or that you have confidence in. If you fish it with confidence, you'll catch fish!