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Jbomb, that is a very nice fly! You are right about using the barb as an index point. If you tie in your tailing material just opposite the barb it keeps the tails from cocking down with the curve of the hook. The fly should be proportioned to the hook, and your proportions look dead on.

Quote:

osprey wrote:if you tie a larger or slightly larger dry fly on a hook that is a size or two too small , the fish don't care , and it will float longer cause if it was full weight of the hook (less metal weight to hold up) it would sink quicker. There is nothing wrong with going a little larger fly on a smaller hook. That's why they make x fine wire hooks. VERY NICE FLY

I don't understand what you wrote here Osprey. Maybe I'm just not thinking about this right, but I can't figure out how you would tie, for example, a #12 dry fly on a #16 hook. The body can only extend the length of the shaft, and that's one of the things that changes with hook size. You could tie a smaller fly on a larger hook, but unless you use an extended body I don't see how you could tie a larger fly on a smaller hook.

Mike.