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Re: Starter Hook Assortment

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Don't worry about the individual manufacturer codes. They will get into your head over time. Instead, focus on the style and dimensions of the hook and what is important for the flys you want to tie. There are many hook charts on the net, but this one is very good at describing the different shapes and measurements: [Hook chart](#)
For the specific flys you mention, here is what I use most (and I expect others to have different choices that are just as valid):

Nymphs: e.g. Prince Nymph, Pheasant Tails,
2X-Long Nymph

Stoneflies

3X-Long Nymph, or the unique Mustad 37160 (thanks to Outsider for showing me these)

Dry Flies: CDC Caddis, Adams, Rusty and Olive Spinners, Grannoms

Wide Gape Down Eye

Emergers: Sulfur Emergers, Hendrickson Emergers

Light Wire Scud or Wide Gape Down Eye depending on pattern

I cut out the types that I don't tie enough of to make an reasoned suggestion. These are only suggestions and you will find in time that you want to expand to other types. For example, a 1X-short dry fly hook might be a good choice for extended body flys or variants because you get a wide gape on a smaller hook.

Mike.