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Well nobody said it yet so here goes....the general tippet to fly size relationship is 2.5x. Take the fly you are using and divide the hook size by 2.5. this is the minimum tippet size recommended.

For instance;

#22 = 9x

#18 = 7x

#16 = 6x

#14 = 5x

#12 = 5x

#10 = 4x

#8 = 3x

Of course anglers are going to push the envelope to fool spooky trout often times fooling themselves in the process.

And yeah is you tie on a #14 three hackle palmered cutwing it might twist your 5x so make adjustment accordingly.

But generally it is the tippet being too supple/fine for the fly that is the culprit.

I used to have a horrible time with my wolly buggers twisting my 5x tippet until I did two things....moved up to 4x and put a few less turns of hackle on the body. I think palmering of hackel acts as a screw whether you have big wings on the fly or not. In fact the wings may help to stop the rotation in the air IMHO.

Also I fished the entire jamboree with no finer than 4x and fished flies up to #18. Tough to thread those eyes but the fish didn't mind the tippet. Of course the water was a little heavy that weekend.