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Re: another hackle question? hackle guaging.

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DJBerg wrote:

... that book stated $\frac{3}{4}$ of the hook shank. this seems like a good start point. another find stated 1.5x the hook gap.

That's pretty much how I do it. Also, I usually wrap the hackle over the shank behind the wings before tying it in so as to see how the proportions look. If the hackle seems too big or too small I put the feather aside for future use and find a more appropriate size.

I wouldn't get too wrapped up in finding hackles that exactly correlate to some measurement. They are a natural material and the barb length is going to vary slightly for every feather you pull. If you've used up all the feathers that have a certain barb length, a feather with slightly longer or shorter barbs will do fine. So as long as the final proportions and function of the fly are still good.

Kev