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1.5x the gape for what everyone calls Catskill style, 2x the gape or larger for actual Catskill style, 3x the gape or larger for variants or skaters...or you could just get a feel for it and use what works. The numbers are partly preference and partly functional. For example, some like to dub the thorax on a dry fly then wrap the hackle. If you do this, you would want to undersize the hackle to compensate for the thickness of the dubbing. All of the comments about the line from the tail to the hackle are correct, but then tail length and wing placement will set the hackle size. So different tyers will have different choices, but all are shooting for the same geometry.  
Mike.