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Re: Starter Hook Assortment

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DanVerona wrote:

I was just wondering, does anyone ever use hooks from the regular hook section of the fishing store? .

Sure - I do this all the time.

You'll want to be careful however. The hooks that come in the long packs labeled "snelled hooks" that have a short length of mono tied to them are garbage. Also, most of the smaller sizes at Walmart or your local fishing store (they only go down to about #14 at these stores) are usually poor quality, esp if they're red or gold. On the other hand, the larger size hooks designed for use with soft plastic lures are often very good quality and laser sharpened. Look for brands like Gamekatsu. I use a lot of these for tying bass flies. Smaller hooks with a good point and small barb are fine for panfish flies too and some trout patterns.

However, if you're mainly going to be tying small, or very small flies for trout fishing, you'll be better off buying hooks for that application.