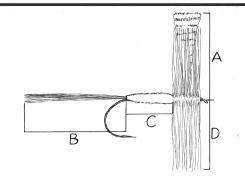
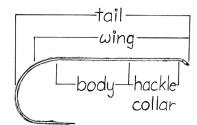
# Skip Morris's TROUT-FLY PROPORTION CHART



## **Traditional Dry Fly**



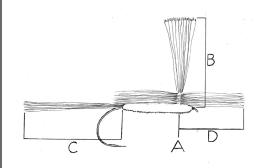
- A. Wing: tip of eye to mid-bend
- B. Tail: full hook length
- C. Body: up slightly past mid-shank
- **D.** Hackle Fiber Length: 1 1/2 to 2 times gape



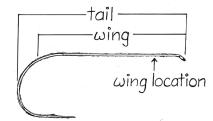
**NOTE:** Rough-water and hair-wing flies may have wider hackle-collars and shorter bodies than this.



## Parachute Dry Fly



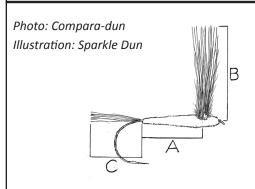
- **A.** Wing location: just past 3/4 up shank
- B. Wing: tip of eye to mid-bend
- C. Tail: full hook length
- D. Hackle Fiber Length: 1 1/2 to 2 times gape



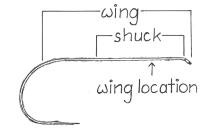
**NOTE:** Wings on parachute flies are sometimes shorter than this.



#### Compara-dun/Sparkle Dun



- A. Wing location: 3/4 up shank
- B. Wing: tip of eye to mid-bend
- **C.** Shuck: 1/2 to 3/4 shank (Sparkle Dun) or *Tail*: full hook length (Compara-dun)

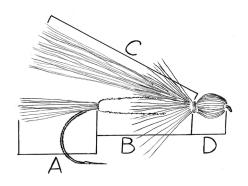


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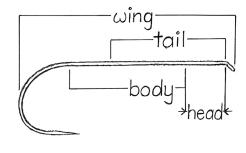
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Stonefly Dry Fly



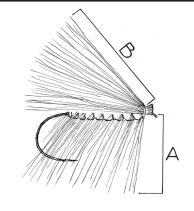
- **A.** *Tail*: 1/2 to 3/4 shank
- B. Body: about 3/4 shank
- C. Wing: about a full hook length
- D. Head: about 1/4 shank



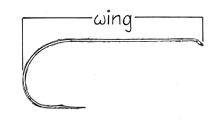
**NOTE:** Dry flies that imitate stonefly adults vary considerably in their proportions.



Caddis Dry Fly

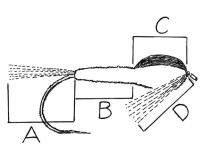


- **A.** Hackle Fiber Length: 1 1/2 to 2 times the gape
- **B.** Wing: full hook length or barely beyond the bend (or, once mounted, extending slightly past the bend)

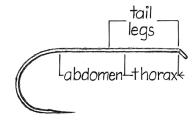




## Nymph



- **A.** *Tail*: 1/2 to 2/3 shank
- **B.** *Abdomen:* up slightly beyond mid-shank
- **C.** Thorax and Wing Case: slightly less than 1/2 shank
- **D.** Legs: 1/2 to 2/3 shank

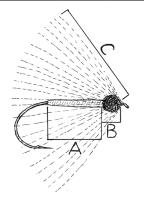


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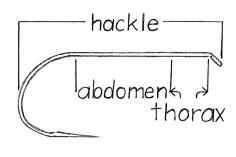


Soft-Hackled Fly



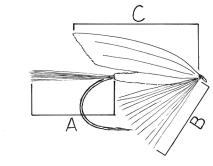
**A.** *Abdomen:* 2/3 to 3/4 shank **B.** *Thorax:* 1/4 to 1/3 shank

C. Hackle Fiber Length: up to full hook length





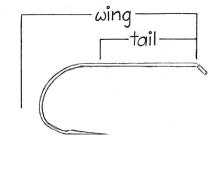
Wet Fly



A. Tail: 3/4 shank to full hook length

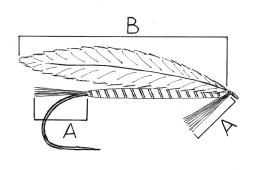
**B.** Hackle Fiber Length: 1 1/2 to 2 times gape

**C.** Wing: extending to rear edge of bend or a bit beyond





Streamer



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**A.** *Tail and Throat:* gape or 1/3 body (or longer)

**B.** Wing: up to 1 1/2 times shank

