

Bead Conversion Table

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If you're like me, I'm not always sure what is the best bead to use on a hook. When I started tying flies, I used to guess which bead to use. Then I purchased fly tying books that included pattern sheets with the bead size in them. Sizes were 1/8", 5/64", 5/32" etc. Next I had to get used to 1.5 mm, 2.0 mm, 3.0 mm. I still have a few packages that are Non-metric so I use this Bead Conversion Table as a quick reference guide.

I hope it helps you!

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Metric Diameter	Inch Diameter	Hook Size
1.5 mm	1/16"	18 – 22
2.0 mm	5/64"	16 – 20
2.3 mm or 2.4 mm	3/32"	14 – 18
2.6 mm or 2.8	7/64"	12 – 16
3.0 mm or 3.2	1/8"	10 – 14
4.0 mm	5/32"	8 – 12
4.5 mm	3/16"	6 – 10
5.0 mm	1/4"	4 – 8

Don't forget to visit John Krefts web site for more scoop like this great chart.
<http://www.johnkreft.com/resources/bead-conversion-table/>