

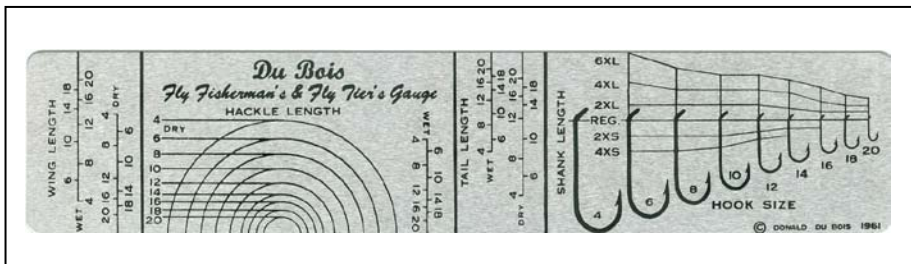
Fly Tying Gauges and Charts by Dennis Stead

I just finish sending you my last article on Du Bois Fly Fisherman's & Fly Tier's Gauge. I hope you found it interesting and now are on the hunt for original aluminum gauge. There are other fly tying gauges and charts that you might find useful but they are not available for purchase. Someone might have an old one you can copy or you found a picture and the article on the internet. Maybe you have a copy that you use over and over and is wearing out, or becoming unreadable. Or just maybe, you are teaching a fly tying class and would like the students to have a copy of that gauge or chart.

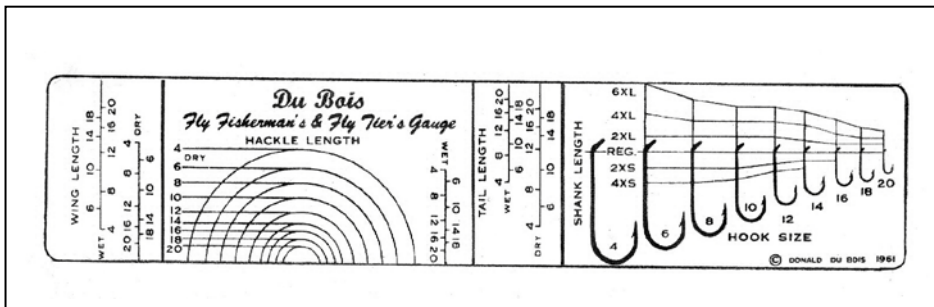
What to do??? The answer is laminate.

Yes, you heard me correctly. I might take a little effort, time and trouble but in the end it's worth it.

Let's give you a couple of examples of what I am talking about to get you started. You saw an exact picture of Du Bois Fly Tier's Gauge in my last article.

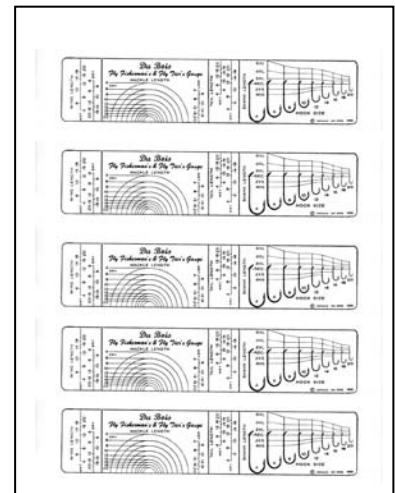


With a little help from Photoshop, or any program like Photoshop, you can remove the colors you do not want.



Then copy, paste, copy, paste on a work area of 8.5 x 11.

Then print it on high quality card stock. A LaserJet printer will make the sharpest copy. Double check to make sure your copy gauge is matching to the original. If not, your measurements will be off.

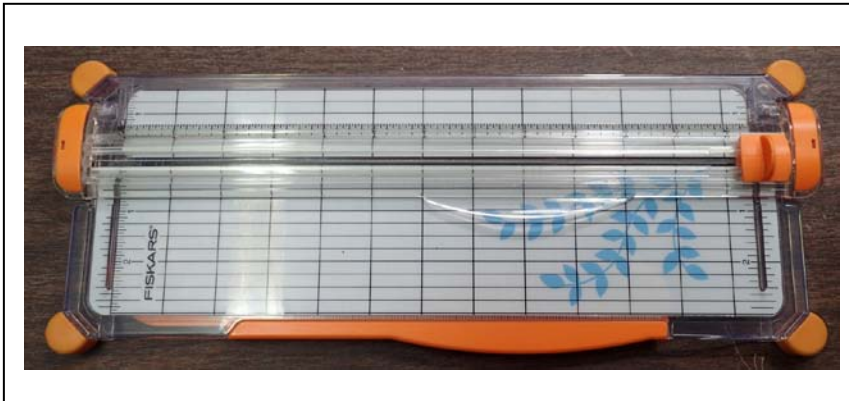


Then buy Bostitch letter size self- adhesive lamination Pouches. I bought a package of 25 from Sam's that cost less than \$5.00. That is \$0.20 per pouch. It simple, just follow the instructions.

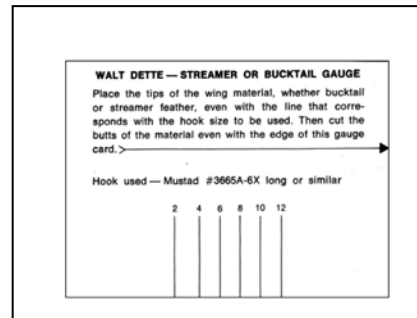
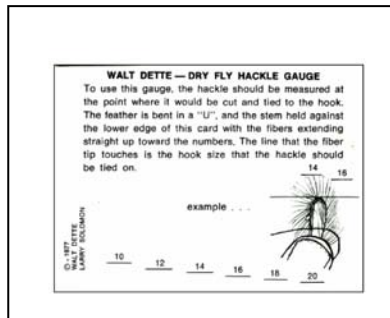


I am going to cut out the gauges and only what the lamination on the front of the gauge. I remove the back sheet of laminate. With the back sheet removed you can cut out the gauges.

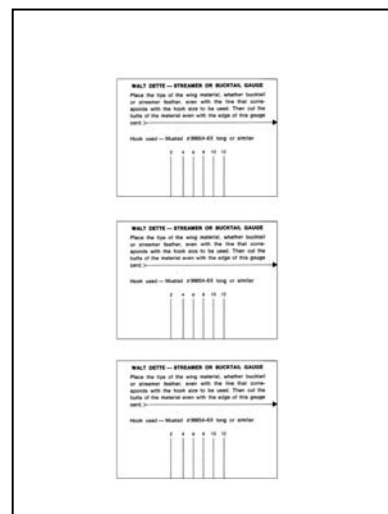
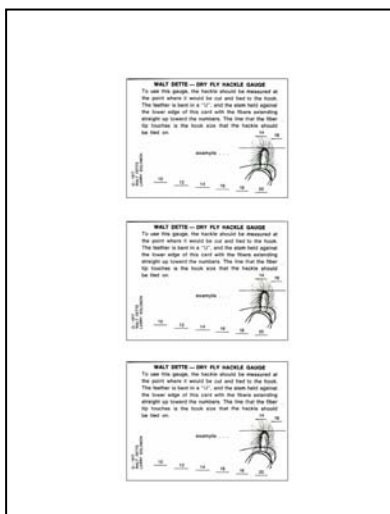
Using scissors might not get a straight edge but if you use a Fiskars paper cutter like the one below, you will get straight edges.



Sometimes you might find a two sided chart like Walt Dette – Streamer or Bucktail Gauge and on the back Walt Dette – Dry Fly Hackle Gauge.



That is going to be a little trickier to laminate. Scan both sides. You will create two 8.5 x 11 sheet, one sheet for the front and one sheet for the back. This process is tricky to get them to line up. I suggest you print one side, flip it and print the other side. Hold up to a light to see if they line up. If not, make your adjustments and print again. Eventually they will line up.



Here I will use two laminating pouches. After laminating side one, I will remove the back of the laminated pouch. This is the side without the adhesive. Then put my laminated front sheet into a new laminating pouch with the un-laminated side against the adhesive. Now both sides are laminated. All you need to do now is cut out the gauge. Give it a try.