Gauss' Law

I'm confused with how to determine which gaussian surface is best suited to calculate an electric field

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{enc}}{\varepsilon_0}$$

ALWAYS TRUE!

In cases with symmetry can pull E outside and get $E = \frac{Q_{enc}}{A\varepsilon_0}$

In General, integral to calculate flux is difficult…. and not useful!

To use Gauss' Law to calculate E, need to choose surface carefully!

1) Want E to be constant and equal to value at location of interest

OR

2) Want E dot $A = 0$ so doesn't add to integral