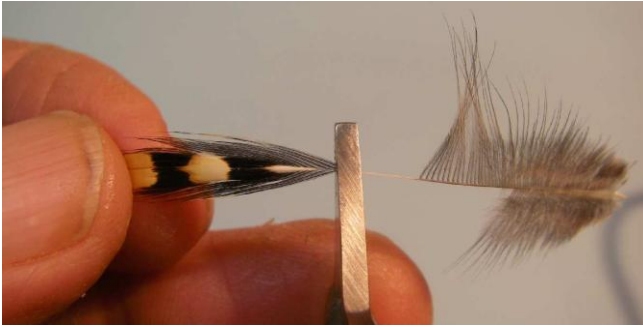


## **Bob's Fly Tying Tips – *Bob Haase***

### Getting Feathers Such As Jungle Cock to Lay Flat



Many people have problems tying in certain feathers such as jungle cock nails. It seems like they have a mind of their own and want to twist at various angles rather than lay flat like you want them to. A simple solution is to take a flat bladed pliers such as the Dr. Slick Scissor Clamp and flatten the stem by compressing slightly where you are going to tie the feather in. Do not smash the stem, just squeeze lightly with the flat bladed pliers to take the round (oval) off the stem of the feather. I usually add a drop of super glue where the feather is tied in to compensate for any weakness caused by slightly flattening the stem. This works for most feathers that have a mind of their own, especially where you are layering different kinds of feathers.