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I recently attended A.K. Best tying class at the tying show a few weeks back. As we all know he ties mostly quill bodies. He introduced the class to a quill body using turkey flats. There appears to be two types of turkey flat, the T-base and one that is mostly consists of the marabou feathers. Any way he uses the more marabou feather. The quills are stripped of all feathers and dyed to match the desired color. I tried it.....the quills split several times. Now when we tied them in AK's class they tied great and looked great. Any one used a turkey flat quill? Any ideas why mine split as I was tying (I did soak them in water)? Could have the bleach or dye make the quill brittle to split?