

## MONKEY FLY



Tube - Any

Body - Nothing on Ali  
Flat Silver on others

Wing - Black Silver Fox  
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Silver Angel hair

Hackle - Yellow Schlappen

Wing - Black Goat or Nayat

Topping - Peacock herl

Eyes - Jungle cock

Secure the tube in the vice. Tie in the thread and wind a small bed for the hackle and wing as there is no body on an Ali tube, on a copper or plastic tube tie a silver body in the usual method. Prepare a bunch of black Silver Fox, mostly underfur, and tie in so that it reaches the end of the hook and trim the waste. Prepare another bunch of Fox and tie in so that it is the longer than the layer below. Trim off the waste. Rip a bunch of Yellow Schlappen fibres from a feather. Tie these in as a beard hackle, they should just reach the end of the tube. You can also tie a wound hackle if preferred. Tie in a few strands of Silver Angel Hair slightly longer than the wing. Prepare a bunch of black dyed Goat or Nayat. If you use Goat make sure to stagger the fibres to produce a nice taper. If you use Nayat, brush out the fibres with a toothbrush to make sure they are not matted together. Tie this bunch in for the final length of the fly. Trim off the butts at a taper. Apply a small drop of thin clear varnish and bind in tightly. Tie in two strands of Peacock herl, or Peacock Krystal Flash, over the wing so that they form a nice arch. Select and prepare a pair of Jungle Cock eyes. Tie in one either side of the wing. Fold back the staks and trim off the waste. Form a neat head and whip finish. Apply several coats of thin clear varnish to produce a smooth shiny head.

This fly was originally tied with a wing of Colobus Monkey hair, hence the name, which is now a protected species so we use easily available hair now.