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If you want to build your own rods to simply save money, then I would say don't start. In my opinion, the only good reason for getting started in this is because you want to. Don't expect to save much for awhile. If you are building just one, you probably will not save any money because of the initial investments. even 2 rods, it would still be questionable whether you would save any money (call this an educated guess). You have to buy materials, Epoxy, winding thread, etc. Some people buy or build a winder (I didn't. I use a cardboard box with grooves cut out of it). You might need a drying motor setup. They aren't extremely cheap either. Much of this is guesswork, because I've never built any plastic ... errr ... I mean graphite rods. The point is, there will be an initial investment outside of blank and component costs. Like I said, if you are only doing it to save money, and you will only be doing 1 or 2 rods, I'd say don't bother. If you are doing it for enjoyment, then go for it. If you are doing it to build a few for other people as well, that's even better.