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Jay, I tend to disagree with Farmer Dave as you can see, but he is correct in the assessment that if it will be a mere chore, as opposed to a joy for the sake of fishing with something you crafted, it probably isn't worth the investment of time and effort. On the other hand, it would definitely save money over manufactured rods of similar functionality. I built all my rods without wrapping equipment-- my wrapper was my lap and the recliner arms and a thick book, my rod turning implement was a cardboard box and my two hands, turning the rod sections 180 degrees every 10 minutes for an hour, then every 30 minutes for the next two hours, then every hour until I was no longer seeing movement of the clear coat.

The kit from Cabelas may be a good start, since it comes with instructions and all the materials you need. It will let you get the needed experience on all the essential steps in the process so the next rod or rods can be tailor-made to your preferences.

Like I said, read up on it first and take your time with the first one. Ask questions here or on other rod-building forums you can locate on the web. Let us know how it goes.