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Jay,

I started rod building for the same reasons you did (poor college student, looking for a new hobby and to save a buck). Out of the dozen or so rods I've build, many have come from Cabelas kits. Check the prices again- many are less than if you piece the rod and components together, plus they come with epoxy, finish, thread, instructions, and brushes. I took a class at E Hille's in Williamsport for \$75, and my blank and components cost about \$125 = total \$200. That rod i built in the class retailed for \$200; fair trade. Also, Bass Pro in Harrisburg offers free fly tying and rod building classes.

I agree with Jack. Take your time, build it over a couple of days. I am currently building 3 rods (2 for Hille's and one for me) and they will take me a couple of weeks to complete).

Remember, the first one doesn't always turn out. matter of fack I just refinish my first rod 10 minutes ago.