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when I built my first rod, I got good components, but I got them on sale, so while I didn't spend alot, I ended up with a very nice rod for cheap.

my advice, pick some rod blanks your interested in, then search, search search, you'll find something on sale somewhere. I've never paid full retail for any blank I've built up. Same with the other components. no law about getting a piece at a time either, I collect components all year long for my winter rod building.

whatever path you take, and I can't stress this enough, take your time, be patient, do not rush the process. If your not happy with a wrap, cut it off and try again, it's only thread. Better to have a well built cheap rod than a hacked together "good" rod.

anglers workshop, janns netcraft, mudhole, hook and hackle are just a few of the places you might want to check out. oh yeah, if you frequent north central pa, check out phil's shop on kettle creek, he carries tons of rod building stuff, but no website, ya gotta buy from him the old fashioned way!

good luck and keep us posted on your progress.