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H0ll0whill, go ahead and build you first rod. The kit will take some guess work out of it, but decide on the guide placement on your own...use their placement chart as a strong suggestion. I am not an expert builder or close to one, but fine tuning the guides is something that will make the rod feel better and cast better.

I have found there are always discussions on the Epoxy and how to get it just right and dried well. There are often issues. I found that if I use the Spar Varnish on the wraps, I never had to worry about mixing and bubbles and not drying all the way. I put several thin coats of Spar Var on and let the rod rotate in the drier. If you have an hour free after work some night, drop me an e-mail and I can give you my can of spar, a drier and a blank. My stuff is all home made. You can stay on the cheap side with home made that works just as well as the purchased items. Just depends on what you want to do. I am in Red Hill and about 20 mins from Quakertown. I won't sell my rod build station in case I ever want to do it again though. The other stuff I spoke of, you can have.

Well, I spoke too soon...I no longer have a drier. I used it for something else, but I can show you how easy it is t make...if you can get a XMas decoration...those deer for the front yard that the head goes back and forth. The motor that moves the head is a perfect speed. Add a spray paint lid to it and a couple pieces of foam to hold the rod handle in the middle and you are done.