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If you have the Best of the Planing Form they have both drawings and specs for both hex and quad forms or Ray Gould books also have drawings and specs (excellent books) for hex, quads and Pentas. Some online info can be found at <http://www.thomaspenrose.com/form01.htm> or other bamboo rod building sites. Building your own forms is the cheapest way to go if you have the time and some basic equipment. I bought both my hex and quad forms. I have not played around with pentas yet but if a set of forms comes up for sale that is affordable I might.

the penrose site was what got my brain turning on making forms and a basic tutorial on you tube hooked me on the bamboo building part. my only question is, the guy on the youtube vid had a piece of extruded aluminum in the shape of an astrix(pretty much a piece of aluminum that would fit in the middle of a hex rod) that he did his first heat treat with. took the roughed in strips and bound them in to the grooves and used that as a heat treat straightener. pretty cool stuff, and of course once my brain saw the basics, it was on i had to see if i could build one...

Try (A Master's Guide to Building A Bamboo Fly Rod) by Everertt Garrison With Hoagy B. Carmichael on Amazon for \$25. I'm reading a copy of it now to under stand what goes in to building it from start to finish, so I can build one the right way using a bamboo blank. Hope this helps. Mike

yeah i went to the local library system looking to see if there was any books available, of course not. so i'll have to do some looking around.