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Re: So I was brainstorming last night... BAMBOO!

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DJBerg wrote:

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...

They are called M-D fixtures and are supposed to keep the heat more uniform during the heat treat process. You don't actually need them, but there are guys that swear by them. [Harry Boyd](#) is the only person I know of that sells them.

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DJBerg wrote:

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.

The Garrison book is fantastic, but it is very detailed, very very engineering oriented, and some would argue a bit dated. You are going to eventually want a copy if you get serious, but as a basic beginners guide, you can't beat the late [George Maurer's book](#)

I recommend a class if you can swing it. There are a lot of good classes, several held in PA, where you make a cane rod for less than you would spend buying one and you get hands on experience before investing in the

tools. I took one up in Maine 2 years ago and have been hooked ever since. I am now in the process of setting up a shop and still have to tackle a dip tube and oven, but otherwise all is go. If any of you that are interested in getting into this ever want to chat or bounce ideas around let me know. It's always good to have friends that share an addiction.

Mike.