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For me, I would attempt to use a spliced joint for Spey rod tapers in the 15' to 18' rod length because at that length they would be normally 3 piece rods and the butt section ferrule probably would have to be custom made. While I did recently purchase a metal lathe to hopefully one day make my own ferrules that is a few years out. However, ferrules sizes from 8 to 18 are not that expensive and you can find a good set of nickel silver ferrules for about 25 bucks. Now if the objective is to make rods as inexpensive as possible for you smaller tapers I would make them with bamboo ferrules. While I have casted both spliced joint and bamboo ferrule rods in a lot of different lengths and line weights and like them I just prefer ferrules. I also like agate stripper guides but not all of my rods have them.

While I hand bind my quads, I still run them through a corded pressure binder with weight to keep the strips tight while wrapping them with string to keep them tightly bound during the drying process. Not to say you can't keep them tight totally by hand. If you have a copy of Claude Kreider's book the bamboo fly rod. They have a picture of a pressure winding machine made out wood.