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Building your first rod is a bit more than just the rod kit. You are still going to need some additional tools. Expect to pay between 20 and 50 extra for tools to build your first rod.

Some good sites to get started are:

<http://www.flyfisherman.com/rodbuilding/>

<http://www.flyangleronline.com/begin/graphite/>

I used these two.

I did not use a kit to build mine. I got the blank, guides and cork off of ebay. They have a bunch of really good blanks for great prices. I bought some gudebrod wrap, flex coat, epoxy, and a cork reamer off cabelas. And my dad bought me a really nice REC reel seat for my B-day... thanks dad!. After I glued the seat and finished the wraps I realized I needed a rod dryer. I picked one up off ebay for about 25\$ with shipping. I think I have about 50-60\$ in actual building materials and about 50\$ in tools total. My next will be about 60\$ to 70\$ since I do not have to buy the tools but will need a reel seat.

hope this helps