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I would advise to go cheaper for your first rod.

The Forecast RX6 would be a decent fast action rod.

The cabelas traditional would also be a decent mod-fast action rod.

A Pac-bay rainforest in a 2 piece would be as good and cheap than a gl3 in my opinion

I have built on the above 4 blanks.

the cabelas IM7 and american tackle matrix blanks would also be good choices.

Sli and IMX are good choices but a bit spendy.

I think single foot guides keep the rod lighter and more responsive. However, they are harder to wrap, especially with your first build. Using a thin piece of tape or a dental rubber band can help hold the guide in place when you wrap it. The double foot guides I think are less likely to catch on things and this makes them more durable IMO. I also like double foot for heavier fish like steelhead. I might lean towards double foot for your first build in a 6 weight.

In hindsight, there are several things I don't like about cabelas kits but they keep it simple for your first build.

The epoxy in the kits dries extremely fast, be prepared. I prefer a two-hour epoxy.

The finish they include is extremely high build. Keep the coats thin and you may need just one coat.

There single foot guides in the kits are titanium coated, which is a needless expense and their "premium" kits come with a relative cheap woven graphite seat which is a downgrade from the reel seat on their standard kits.

If you decide you don't want to get a kit, we can advise you as to what exactly you need.