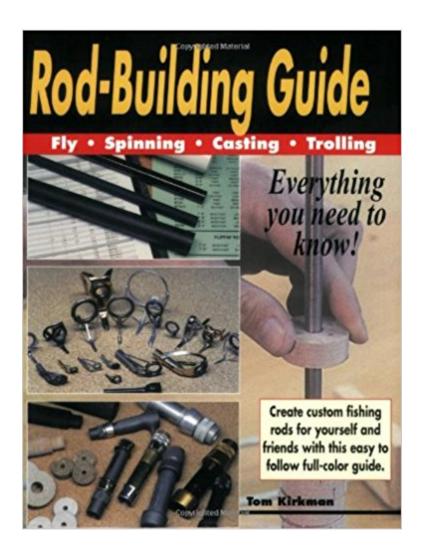


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# Rod-Building Guide: Fly, Spinning, Casting, Trolling





## **Synopsis**

Tom Kirkman is editor of Rod Maker magazine. Think you need an engineering degree to build your own rod? Think again. Building your own rod is challenging, rewarding, and fun! Whether you're trying to while away the winter months, create the best-performing rod possible, or you are just trying to save a few bucks, Rod-Building Guide will show you how. Tom covers: blanks and components; rod-building tools; adhesive and bonding techniques; understanding rod spine; grip, handle, and seat assembly; guide placement, guide prep and wrapping; finishing; and more. This is a book a beginner can understand and from which an old pro can learn some new techniques. Rod-Building Guide will guarantee your rod-building experience is comfortable, successful, and fun.

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I've lived in Alaska since I was a year old (27 years) and I've been fishing my entire life. This book has kindled a fire in me that makes me want to start building my own rods and has definitely given me more than enough resources to do so. The instructions are clear and concise with pictures to help the reader along. Everything is covered, from selecting a blank, to modulus, to selecting guides and even to decorative thread wrapping to beautify your creation. This book gives more than enough information for the newbie rod builder and appears to have enough advice to help someone that has attempted a few rods of their own. Growing up in Alaska, I've fished spinning rods, bait casting rods, fly rods and deep sea rods but this book covers them all! The most intriguing part to me was the spiral guides technique for locating the guides for a trolling rod...I'm definitely interested

in this because I've broken a few very nice/expensive rods fighting fish and I think that this technique may at least give my rods a "fighting" chance. (sorry, had to get a pun in there somewhere). I enthusiastically look forward to putting this new information into practice.

As a beginning rod builder I found a lot of useful information in this book. Some information had been covered in a rod building class I took. But having it as a ready reference is good. Trying to cover the 4 different types of rods did come up short in some areas though. I would have liked to see some specific set ups for the different types in terms of grips, handles and guides. I would recommend this book though to others also starting out

I never did start building rods but learned so much about rods and I'm more knowledgable when it comes to getting one built. This book is perfect. Anyone thinking about custom rod making needs to read this book.

This book goes into great detail about rod building and includes step by step pictures. I am a novice on this hobby and I can say the only thing that could be better is a little simpler steps and explained definitions for people who have limited, to no knowledge on the topic.

This was a great book for the beginner. I am sure that there are other books that cover more but this is a good start. The author even gives you his email if you have any questions or need some clarified. You can't get much better than that.

Never built a rod before, but now a have a superior understanding of the "how to's". Very well written especially for the novice. I believe everyone can learn something from this book.

Not everything you need to know, but a nice starter guide, and a nice reference book to have around. Definitely helpful. I used to build rods, but had not done so in about 30 years, so was essentially a beginner again, and this book helped me get back into the swing of it.

Good info. Have it handy as a rod building newbie.

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