

ROD BUILDING STARTER CHECKLIST

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Two pages to check before you order parts or start gluing.

Use this as a pre-build sanity check, not as a substitute for the blank, adhesive or finish manufacturer instructions for your exact components.

1 THE BUILD GOAL

- ☐ Name the target technique, water and typical lure range.
- ☐ Decide whether the finished rod will use a spinning or casting reel/layout.
- ☐ Set the target length, power and action before choosing the rest of the components.
- ☐ Confirm the blank manufacturer's lure and line ranges for the exact model.

2 CORE COMPONENTS

- ☐ Blank: exact model, length, power, action and intended use confirmed.
- ☐ Handle and reel seat: dimensions fit the blank and the reel/layout you plan to use.
- ☐ Guides: select a guide family and layout appropriate to the blank, reel and line system.
- ☐ Tip-top: measure the blank tip in the supplier's specified units before ordering.

3 BASIC TOOLS

- ☐ Stable blank supports or a manual wrapper.
- ☐ A repeatable way to control thread tension.
- ☐ Burnishing and cutting tools suited to rod-wrapping thread.
- ☐ Measuring and mixing tools required by the adhesive or finish instructions.
- ☐ A turner/dryer if your wrap finish workflow calls for slow rotation while it sets.

4 BEFORE GLUE OR FINISH

- ☐ Dry-fit the grip, reel seat, guides and tip-top before committing with adhesive.
- ☐ Use manufacturer guide spacing as a starting point, then verify the guide train under load/static deflection.
- ☐ Align the reel seat and guide train before the adhesive or finish starts to set.
- ☐ Read the current mix ratio, application and cure/recoat instructions for each adhesive and finish.
- ☐ Give the finish an uninterrupted cure window that matches the manufacturer guidance.

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Five last checks before checkout - plus what to do when something does not match.

1 FIVE LAST CHECKS BEFORE CHECKOUT

- ☐ Kit contents: separate included rod components from reusable shop tools that may still be required.
- ☐ Exact model/style: confirm the model number or style code, especially when a product family has multiple versions.
- ☐ Current retailer information: check the live seller page for price and availability instead of relying on an old cached figure.
- ☐ Warranty and returns: verify the seller/manufacturer terms that apply to the exact product and region.
- ☐ Compatibility dimensions: re-check reel-seat fit, blank diameters, guide sizes and tip-top tube size before ordering.

IF SOMETHING DOES NOT MATCH

- ☐ Pause before gluing. Re-measure the blank tip, reel-seat area and any component fit that depends on diameter.
- ☐ Prefer the current manufacturer documentation for dimensions, mixing and cure instructions when a short retailer description conflicts with it.

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Rod building basics

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How to choose a rod blank

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Thread wrapping guide

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