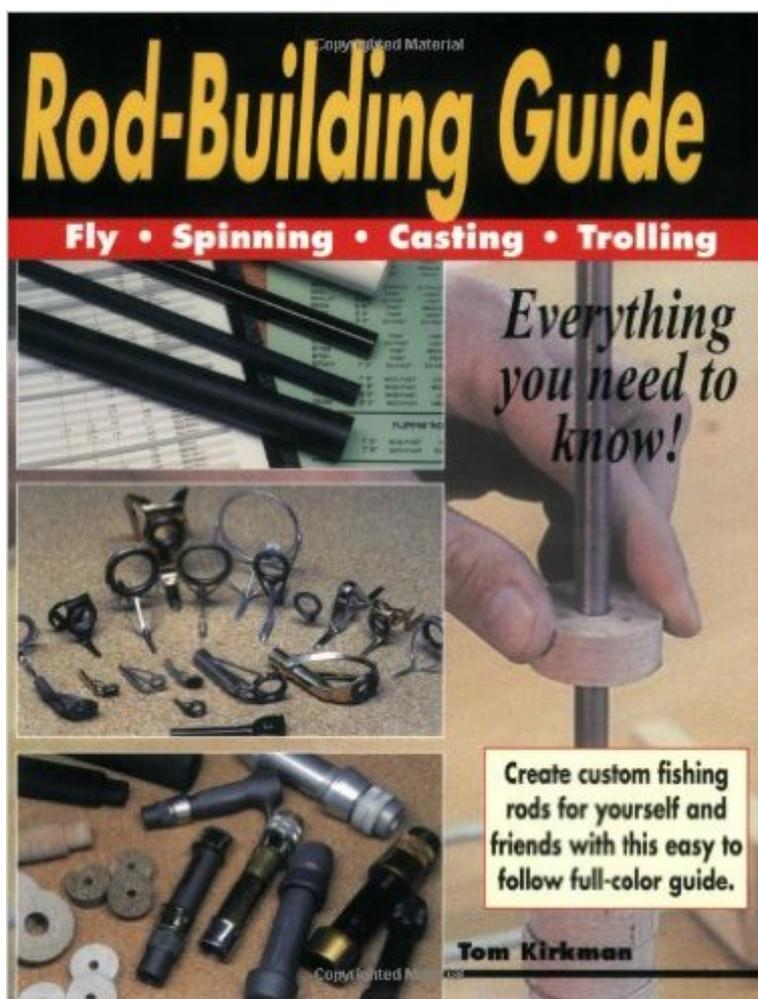


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# Rod-Building Guide: Fly, Spinning, Casting, Trolling



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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. So don't let this fascinating activity intimidate you any longer, Rod-Building Guide will guarantee your rod-building experience is comfortable, successful, and fun. 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. With its easy-to-understand text and step-by-step photography, this is a book a beginner can understand and from which an old pro can learn some new techniques. So don't let this fascinating activity intimidate you any longer. This book will guarantee your rod-building experience is comfortable, successful, and fun. 8 1/2 x 11 inches, 100 color photographs, 50 pages

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## Customer Reviews

I have been building rods for 25 years and sold them professionally for 15. So I know a few things about rod building. I bought the Rod Building Guide originally just to have it for my library - I didn't think there would be anything in it that I didn't know. I was wrong. Although the book is aimed at the

beginner, it is full of information for the advanced rod builder as well. So much of what we rod builders do is based on information that is outdated or not entirely accurate. What Mr. Kirkman has done, is explain the intricacies of things like spine, adhesives, modulus, action, power, mechanics, etc., etc., into plain everyday language that anyone can understand and learn from. He also dispels many of the common rod building myths that have come down the pike over the years. The 100 full color photos are clear and the text is concise. .... This one is the cream of the crop. You cannot do better if you want the best instruction possible on building your own fishing rod.

Although I had already built a few rods, when this book came out I jumped on it. I picked up a ton of info that made building futures rods much easier and much better. I rate this book very highly. The photos are full color and numerous and make understanding the 'how-to' very easy.

I had been wanting to build my own fishing rods for a few years. Tried once but didn't like the results. My wife bought me this book from .com and I got right in and used it to build another rod. This time everything came out just right. I credit the Rod Building Guide with guiding me over the rough spots and making sure I did things right. I found it very helpful and would say any new rod builder should not be without it.

I wanted to get started in building my own fishing rods and this book was recommended to me. I bought a copy and it lead me step by step to making my first rod with no problems. Then when I progressed more and made more rods and wanted to get started turning and making my own grips and reel seats it had that information in there too. I think this is a very complete book that does more than just help you with your first rod. It grows with you as you gain more experience and is something you can continue to lean on for many years in this great hobby.

I think I've bought and read every single book ever published on custom rod building at this point. Rod Building Guide must now be considered the "Bible" of custom rod building information in text form. It is the most up to date and informative text on the subject of any book I've read, including either of the Clemens books! The author breaks things down into simple steps that anyone can follow, but also adds easy to understand technical reasons for why each step is necessary and how best to perform. The 100+ full color photos don't hurt either! Great book from a guy who certainly knows the subject inside and out. I would recommend it to anyone. The low price belies the true value of the book. It would be a bargain at three times the price!

I have several rod building books. Bought this one for my personal library on the subject. I think it is the best rod building book I have read so far. The color photos are great and really very helpful. I really don't see how they can sell it for less than... Great book.

The rod building industry hailed this book as the best ever written on custom rod building. It should not have been a surprise. The author, Tom Kirkman, is maybe the world's foremost authority on custom rod building, having been a professional rod builder himself for over 2 decades and recently the editor and publisher of the acclaimed RodMaker Magazine. Who better to write such a book?

While I am still new to rod-building I feel I must share this with others like myself. About lunchtime yesterday the mailman delivered my copy of "Rod-Building Guide". I stopped to take a break from my yard work to "check it out" and did not put it down until reading through Chapter 2. Between finishing the yard work, cooking out on the grill for supper, attending church services this morning, and being present for a pre Memorial Day Service sponsored by the local American Legion Post this evening, I have just completed reading this book! If you are new like I am, and have not already done so, get yourself a copy. It is an easy read and will answer many, many, many questions....even ones you did not know to ask! This text is first class! It is a true inspiration as well as motivator for anyone even thinking about building their own rod, not to mention those of us already bitten by the bug. This is destined to be a classic (if not already) and should be on every rod-builders shelf. Speaking of rod-builders, this book will definitely take you from being a rod assembler to a rod builder (you'll have to purchase the book if you want to know the difference).

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