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Recently, I visited the Bamboo Fly Rod forum and noticed a thread discussing the construction of bamboo fly rods. I was intrigued and decided to build my own. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to build a bamboo fly rod:

1. Select the Bamboo
   - Choose high-quality bamboo for the best results. Look for bamboo that is free of knots and splits.

2. Prepare the Bamboo
   - Cut the bamboo into the desired length. Use a sharp knife to make clean cuts.

3. Prepare the Tips
   - Cut the tips of the bamboo to create a straight edge. Use a knife to shape the tips to the desired diameter.

4. Prepare the Butt
   - Cut the butt of the bamboo to create a straight edge. Use a knife to shape the butt to the desired diameter.

5. Assemble the Rod
   - Use hot glue to glue the tips and butt together. Make sure the glue is applied evenly.

6. Cure the Rod
   - Allow the rod to cure for several weeks to allow the glue to harden.

7. Finish the Rod
   - Sand the rod to remove any rough edges. Use a finishing wax to polish the rod.

8. Test the Rod
   - Use the rod to fish a few times to test its performance.

Building a bamboo fly rod is a challenging and rewarding project. With practice, you can create a beautiful and functional rod.