

Fundamentals of Building a Bamboo Fly-Rod

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Maurer is a master of his craft. -- *Mark S. Metcalf, editor of The Bamboo Fly Rod*

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