

Beginning Reed-Making Tools

Tool	Where To Buy
Cane – Rieger, Danzi, Miller Select Reserve (GSP)	Millermarketingco.com
Regular mandrel (choose either Rieger, 2X, or Miller Pro)	millermarketingco
Forming mandrel (Rieger or 2X)	millermarketingco
Duco cement	Millermarketing, Amazon, hardware store
Reed wire 22 gauge	Millermarketingco.com, could be found at a hardware store
Cotton twine	Amazon, Millermarketingco, hardware store
Plaque	Millermarketingco
Knife – double hollow ground	millermarketingco
Exacto knife	Amazon, any hardware store
Diamond file set	Millermarketingco, Amazon
Reamer (2X spiral reamer or other spiral)	Millermarketingco
Sandpaper (320 grit, 400 grit, 600 grit, 1000 grit)	Amazon, any hardware store
Pliers	Amazon, any hardware store
Small ruler	Amazon, any hardware store, Target
Razor blades	Amazon, any hardware store
Tip cutter (optional)	Millermarketingco
Cotton or Nylon thread for wrapping	Fabric store, Squirrely Stash, Amazon
Reed drying rack	Millermarketing, could potentially make own

There are other places to find reed tools (Forrests Music, Charles Double Reeds, etc.). I tend to use Miller to support small business and local hardware stores to find general tools (pliers, etc) to save some money.

Don't worry about buying super expensive machines! The reed room has all of the machines you could possibly need. Learning to process cane using gougers, profilers, and tip profilers must be taught to the student in their second semester before they are allowed to use them.