

# Where do I get the stuff to do Combat Archery?

Keep in mind that you must follow the current construction rules that apply in the Kingdom you wish to shoot in. Rules change, check before you build, and keep that in mind before you stock up on tons of supplies. These are the sources we (the Chesire Company) have used or seen in the past. Prices are approximate and also likely to change over time.

**For UHMW heads: ~3.50\$ per foot of rod ordered, or 1.10\$ per pre-made Lu-Shan**

abbot plastics at <http://www.abbottplastics.com/> to make your own.

Northstar Archery at <http://www.northstararchery.com> for pre-made ones.

Lu-Shan: <http://www.flatbow.com/UHMW/> 0.85\$ here for "light" ones... He also sells Fellwalker heads and tails, for heavy crossbow bolts.

There are likely many other dealers as well.

The preparation of these pieces can be rather time consuming, and the drilling can be tricky – make sure the hole is perfectly centered and slightly underdrilled so it fits tightly (15/64" bit) and make sure the depth is exactly right. Rounding is easiest on a sanding wheel or belt sander. Removing some of the material leads to the Lu-Shan shape. Overall, if you're strapped for time, but not cash, it makes sense to buy this part pre-made. If you are tight on funds, you can definitely save by making them yourself.

**For Fathead blunts: ~2.50 each**

Northstar Archery at <http://www.northstararchery.com> or from other dealers. Pricey, but often favored by crossbow users and those who don't have time to play with foam (or don't want the hassle of replacing worn-out foam periodically.)

**For blue (tip) foam: ~6\$ per camp mat ( 72"x 20" )**

We use the same blue closed-cell foam that is often used to pad helmets, and can be found sold as camping mats at places like Wal Mart or anyplace with a camping section (Farm and Fleet, Dick's, etc.)

**For side wrap foam: ~6.00\$ for a 40 sheet package (self-adhesive)**

We recommend the "peel and stick" foam available at Wal-Mart or JoAnn Fabrics (or similar craft stores/craft sections.) You can buy stuff that is not self-adhesive, but it's much more of a headache to get it to stay in place while you're taping... Self adhesive is worth the extra buck or so per package.

**For strapping tape: ~5.00\$ for a 2" x 30' roll**

This can be purchased at most hardware stores (ACE hardware often has the best selection of widths, but you can get it at Menards, Home Depot, etc. as well.) We have found strapping tape to hold up better than duct or electrical tape.

**For cloth/colored tape: ~7.50 for one roll of colored (3/4") and one roll black (1.5")**

Village Peddler: 5511 Monona Dr. in Monona, WI. They don't seem to have a website... You can also find this material at sporting goods stores (it is also known as "hockey tape") and sometimes at very well-stocked hardware stores.

You shouldn't use yellow or green, because yellow indicates siege, and green denotes "experimental." We recommend a bright color like red for the tips of the arrows. We have found that cloth tape holds up better than duct or electrical, so that's what we've preferred to use. Electrical tape works great for crestring though, and crestring of some sort makes it easier to sort your arrows quickly from a pile.

**For fiberglass shafts: ~1.00\$ each**

Northstar Archery at <http://www.northstararchery.com>

It is far easier to chop the fiberglass shafts down slightly, and make sure you do not violate this rule, than to find out your arrows are slightly too long after the head and APD are on... We chopped 1/4" off of the shafts we got from Northstar, to be safe. The first batch we made, where we did not do this, was ever so slightly too long.

**For APD's: ~0.75\$ a piece, Lefties for ~0.90\$**

Northstar Archery at <http://www.northstararchery.com>

**For labels: 27.00\$ for 3000**

You can get these at office supply stores like Staples. We have used Avery labels, # 85560 (template 5160) (online template available at: [http://www.avery.com/avery/en\\_us/](http://www.avery.com/avery/en_us/)) to put this info on. We also put our group, so a lost arrow has a better chance of finding its way home. You will need to put a piece of clear tape over the label though, or it will get wrecked quickly, especially if it gets wet.

**For glues/APD attachment: Tubes of Goop ~???\$**

Once again, most hardware stores will stock the Goop line, and we have found marine, outdoor or plumbers goop to be best. Gorilla glue specifically does NOT work long-term.

**For Bows: Varies wildly, depending on your source. ~50\$ if you find a good deal**

For fiberglass-shafted arrows, the max poundage is 30#. Make sure your bow is at or under this threshold. It is recommended to buy a cheap/durable bow and not take anything on the field which you would be upset were it to break in the press of combat.

In Jara, Giles Devon has very reasonably priced (~ 45\$) fiberglass bows: [horsebows@gmail.com](mailto:horsebows@gmail.com) (He also has fantastic horsebows, but they're generally considered too nice for the battlefield...)