

## Re: Grinding a mirror vs buying complete

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I live in the High Mojave Desert in a trailer, if I wanted to grind a mirror, there's no real way I could have done it, not with the summer heat, winter cold, and dust all the time. So when I built my Babylon 8 Dob, I got the mirror ready made, from another user from SAA even. If I lived in a house and could have set up a room just for it, I might have at least tried my hand at grinding, but not here. So it depends on what you can afford, what you want to do, and what your living set up is like too.

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Larry G wrote:

However, I would caution you that unless you like working with your hands, and you like to tinker, fix and improvise; and you have an aptitude for both patience and diligent effort, you may want to opt for an easier solution.

You may find some useful information at my website:  
[http://larryg54.home.texas.net/atm\\_and\\_amateur\\_astronomy.html](http://larryg54.home.texas.net/atm_and_amateur_astronomy.html)

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Hi

Wow, nice website !!  
(bookmarked already)

There is the other angle here.  
Get a completed optic set, and then make a tube  
assembly. I've thought about going this route.

With two \*large\* dog's who have the run of the  
house, no way could I ever get a dust free  
environment... Even makes exploring the back yard an  
adventure. Think F.I.F.O. here. (has to go somewhere)  
Nothing like the female start barking at 1 am at the  
coyote and fox in the woods behind us while I'm observing.

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