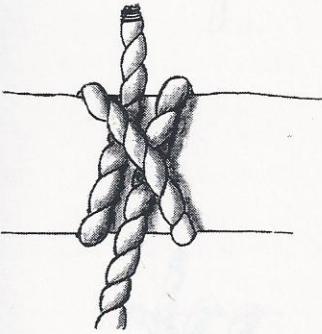


Bowline

A most useful knot, the bowline will not slip or jam and become difficult to untie. Bowlines are used wherever a secure loop is needed in the end of the line, such as tying a boat to a ring in a wharf, securing a line to an anchor quickly, or securing two hawsers together.



Clove Hitch

Quick and easy to tie, the clove hitch is used for securing to any cylindrical object such as a post, bollard or spar and is commonly used in dock lines as a temporary mooring, or hitching venders to a rail. It must not be considered a permanent fastening as it will loosen and slip if subject to intermittent pulls in different direction.

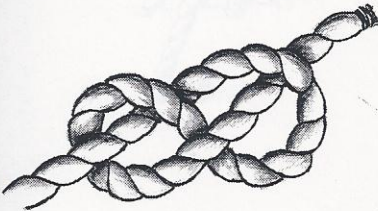
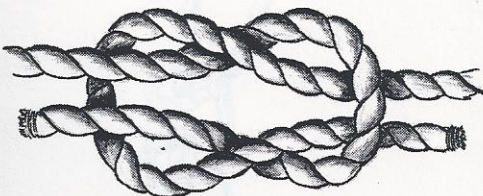


Figure Eight Knot

As its name implies, a figure eight shaped knot is formed in the bitter end of a line. This becomes a stopper knot, which prevents lines, such as sheets and halyards from running out accidentally through a block.



Reef Knot

One of the commonest knots, a reef knot is tied in lines of the same diameter. "Right over left and under; left over right and under" will prevent your tying the treacherous "granny knot" which looks like a reef but will jam more easily. Used in tying light lines, such as awning straps, reef nettles, cord on packages it is also known as the square knot.