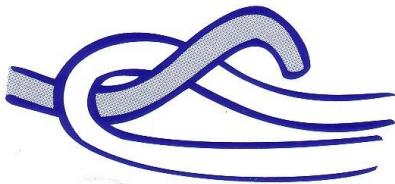
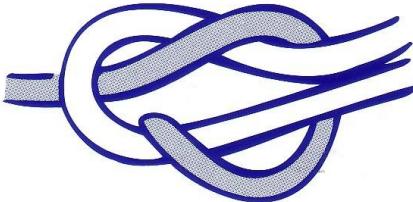


Know The Ropes

Learn to tie a reef knot.



step 1



step 2



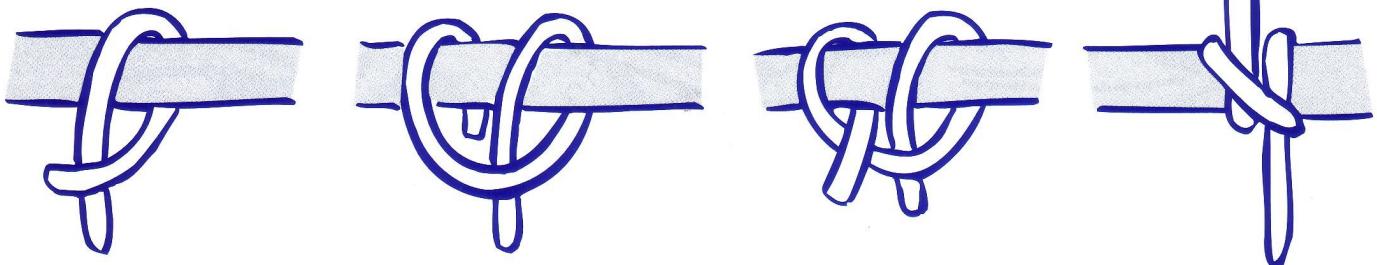
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Try tying a reef knot with a friend using one hand each (one cord each).

Reef Knot is used to tie two pieces of rope of equal thickness together.

Know The Ropes

Learn to tie a clove hitch.



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You can use it to tie up a horse!

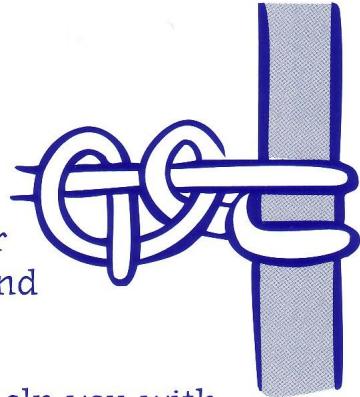
It is also used to start and finish most lashings.

Know The Ropes

Learn to tie a round turn and two half hitches.

This knot is used to tie a rope to a pole or a boat to a jetty. The knot does not slip and is easy to undo.

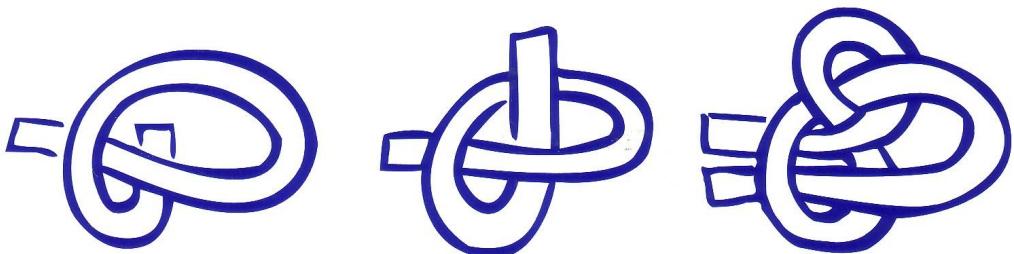
(You may need someone experienced to help you with this knot. Practise on a stick or the leg of a chair.)



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Know The Ropes

Learn to tie a packer's knot.



A packer's knot is used to tie parcels. It is a slip knot. It holds the string in place tightly while you wrap the rest of the parcel. It is best to finish with a reef knot, using the tail.

Practise tying the knot on boxes and parcels.

Wrap an empty box with some old wrapping paper and tie a ribbon around the parcel using a packer's knot. To test how good your knot is, throw your parcels to one another. How many times can your parcel be thrown before the knot starts to undo?

Know The Ropes

Learn square lashing.

Follow the diagram here, but if you need help ask someone in your patrol or your leader to show you. (You'll need this to make rope bridges and other structures.) Remember to start with a clove hitch, pulling tightly as you go and finish with a reef knot.

Once you know how to square lash you can make a carry-chair with three poles. Test your throne by carrying someone around. Do the lashings hold? Did you choose the right sized poles? How many people can fit on the throne? How many girls are needed to carry them?

safety note: Choose a good strong rope and check all knots and lashings before you trust your weight to them.

