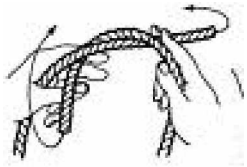
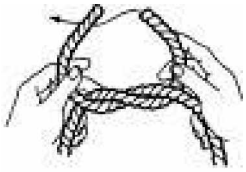
Step-By-Step: Basic Scout Knots

Overhand Knot Square Knot *(or Reef not, the classic joining knot.)*

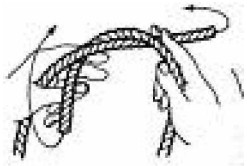

Right over left…


Left over right…

makes a knot tidy…

and tight.

Granny Knot *(The Granny knot is very UNSAFE. This is why your shoelaces come untied!)*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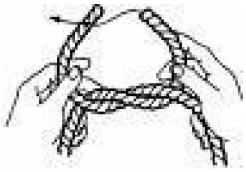
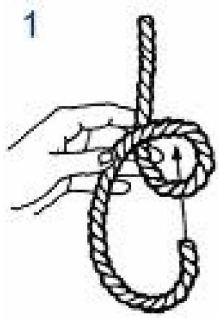
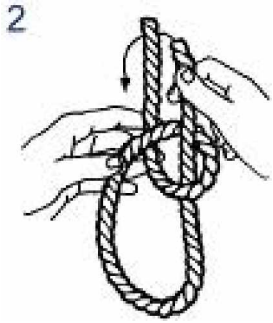

Right over left…

makes a knot ugly and *WRONG.*

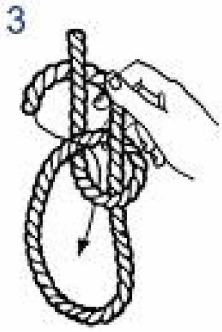
Bowline *(The rescue knot.)*



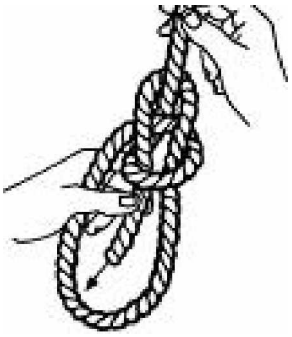
Make a loop (top to you).



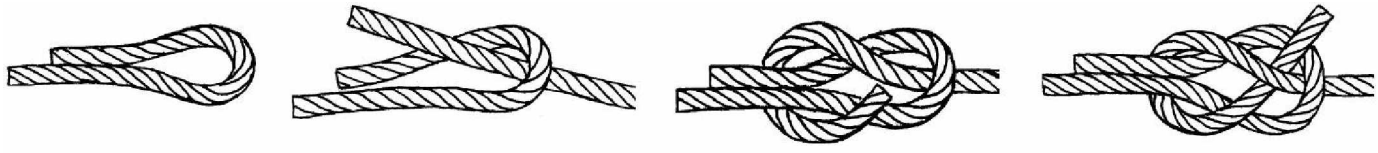
The rabbit goes out of the hole…



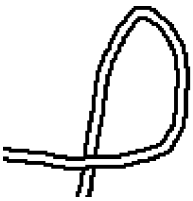
around the tree…

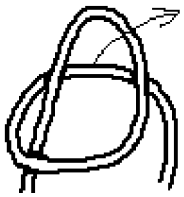

and back into the hole.

Sheet Bend *(Stronger than a Square Knot, especially good for joining different size lines..)*


Make a loop in one end. The rabbit goes out of the hole… around the tree back under his *path.*

Slip Knot *(Warning: This is a type of noose! This is a quick cinch knot.)*


Make a loop.


Pull a loop up through the loop.

Pull tight.

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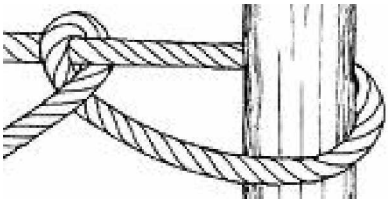
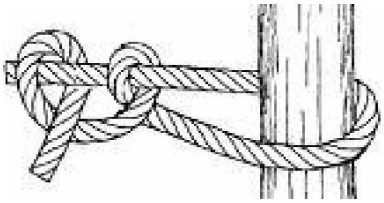
Half Hitch



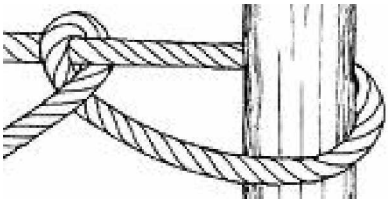
Loop over the top *(Half Hitch)*

Two Half Hitches *(Taught-Line is much stronger.)*

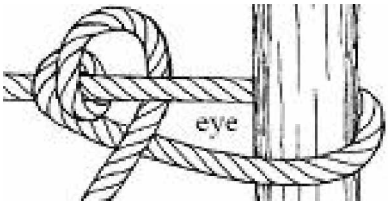


Second Half Hitch on the outside. Pull tight.

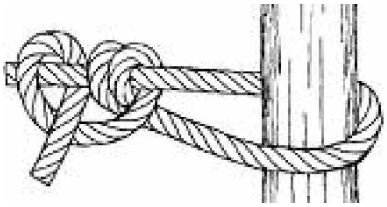
Taut-Line Hitch *(Perfect for tying down your truck lid or a tent guy line.)*



Loop over the top *(Half Hitch)*

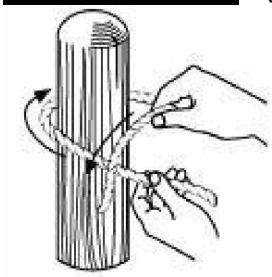


Loop over the top again.



One last loop outside. Pull tight.

Clove Hitch *(For tying a rope to a tree or pole.)*



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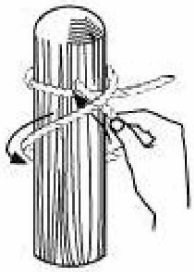
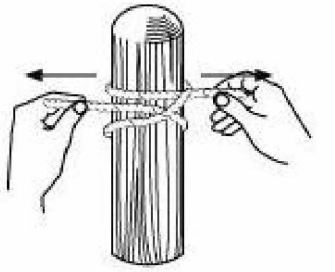
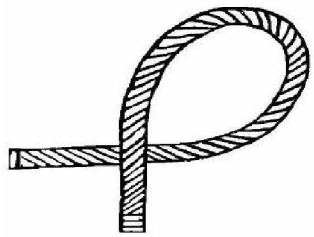


Loop around again below.



Pull through the hole.

Figure-Eight *(This classic "stopper knot keeps knots in place.)*



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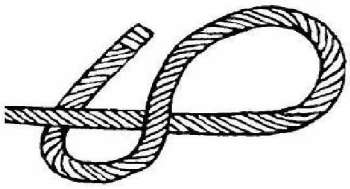
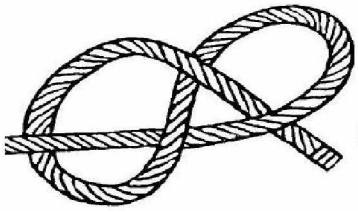


Loop under



Go through the hole

Pull tight