

Artificial Eye

A loop made grommet-style from one strand - stronger and quicker than a splice.



FIG. 91.—Artificial eye.

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"Unlay one strand, follow it around grommet-fashion, and whip the eye smooth."

1

Unlay one strand

Take the rope's end and unlay a single strand, leaving the other two strands still together (Fig. 91).

2

Form the eye

Bend the two remaining strands back alongside the standing part to make a loop the size of eye you want (Fig. 92).

3

Follow it round

Take the loose strand you unlaid and follow it around the eye, into the spaces between the two strands - grommet-fashion - until it returns down the standing part (Fig. 93).

4

Taper and whip

Divide the strands where they lie along the standing part, taper them down, and whip the whole with yarn or marline for a smooth, strong eye (Fig. 94).