

The Blackwall Hitch

The simplest grab on a hook — the load's own pull jams the rope tight against it.



FIG. 45.—Blackwall hitch.

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"The standing part sits on the tail and pins it to the hook — pull and it holds."

1

Drop a loop on the hook

Make a loop, or cuckold's neck, in the rope and lay it over the hook.

2

Tuck the end under

Pass the end of the rope underneath the standing part and across the hook.

3

Load it

When you pull, the standing part bears down on the end and jams it against the hook, holding fast.

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