

Bow-line on a Bight

Two loops from a doubled rope - a comfy seat or a steady sling.

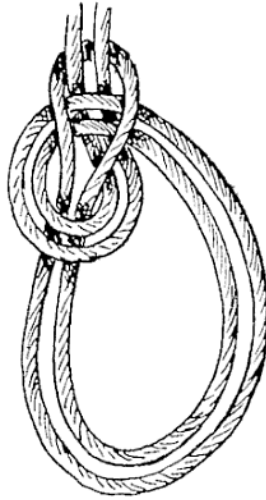


FIG. 60.—Bow-line on bight.

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"Fold the rope, tie one bowline - get two loops for the price of one."

1

Double the rope

Take a bight (a fold) in the middle of the rope so you are working with the rope doubled, no free ends needed.

2

Start the bow-line

Form a small cuckold's neck (loop) in the doubled rope, the way you begin any bow-line.

3

Pass the bight through

Bring the end of the doubled bight up through the small loop, just as the working end goes in a single bow-line.

4

Open and drop it over

Spread that bight wide and pass it down over the whole knot so it encircles the standing parts.

5

Draw taut

Settle the knot - you now have two firm loops, handy for a sling or a boatswain's seat.