

Bow Shortening

Loop the slack into a tidy bow - perfect for spare lashings on a bundle.



FIG. 77.—Bow shortening.

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"Tie the extra rope up like a bow - light duty, but it won't shake free."

1

Gather the spare

Collect the extra length of rope you want to take up, the way you would for any shortening.

2

Bundle it into a bow

Loop the slack back on itself into the bow form shown in Fig. 77, tucking the folds so they hold one another.

3

Set it

Snug it down. It won't take a heavy strain, but it's safe from coming undone by accident - ideal for spare rope on lashings or baggage.

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