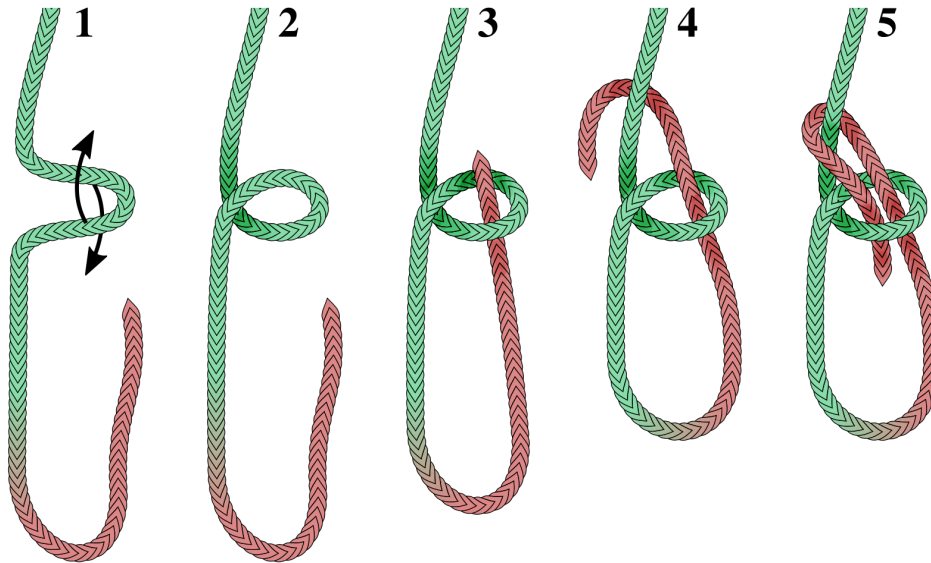


The Bowline

The finest loop knot ever devised — it holds fast and never jams.



Green = the standing line · Red = the working end (our rabbit)

"The rabbit comes up the hole, round the tree, and back down the hole."

1 Make a loop

Hold the rope so the long **standing** part rises up and the short **working end** hangs down. Form a small loop near the top — this loop is **the hole**.

2 Mind the hole

Make sure the loop faces upward. A hole facing the wrong way makes an unreliable knot — much like people.

3 Rabbit up the hole

The working end is our **rabbit**. Bring it up through the hole from underneath.

4 Round the tree

Pass the rabbit behind the tall standing part — that's **the tree** — all the way around.

5 Back down the hole

Bring the rabbit back down through the same hole it came up. Draw every part snug — firmly, but with respect. **Done!**