

# The Chain Hitch

A row of half-hitches marching along a spar for a powerful, no-slip haul.



FIG. 46.—Chain hitch.

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*"Half-hitch, slide along, half-hitch again — a chain of grip down the timber."*

1

## Take a half-hitch

Pass the end of your rope around the timber or large rope and tuck it to form a half-hitch.

2

## Repeat along the length

Move along a short way and take another half-hitch, then another, spacing them at intervals down the object.

3

## Add a handspike if hauling

For extra purchase you can pass the turns around a lever or handspike (Fig. 47) and use it to haul the rope in.