

The Figure-Eight Knot

A tidy stopper shaped like its name — it jams a rope's end without jamming itself.



FIG. 9

FIG. 10

FIGS. 9 and 10.—Figure-eight knots.

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"Over, around, and back through the loop — a figure eight, the rope's full stop."

1

Form the loop

Make a loop in the rope by crossing the end over the standing part.

2

Wrap behind

Bring the end around behind the standing part, tracing the shape of an 8.

3

Through the loop

Pass the end down through the original loop and pull it taut. The finished knot shows a clear figure-eight outline and sits flatter than a plain overhand stopper.

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