

The Fisherman's Knot

Two little overhands that clasp hands — the strongest join for fine lines.

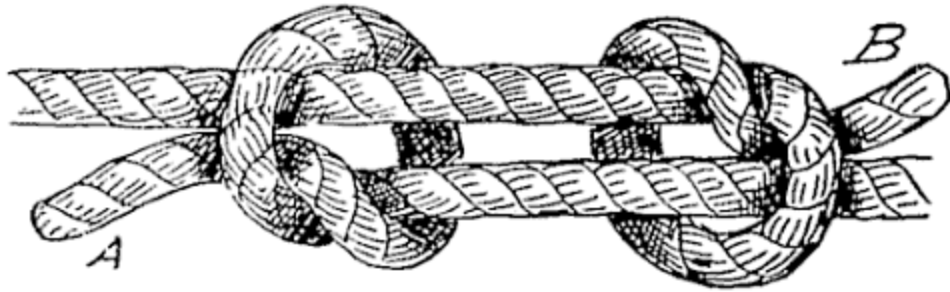


FIG. 17.—Fisherman's knot (making).

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"Each line ties an overhand around the other — then slide them till they kiss."

1

Overlap the lines

Lay the two lines alongside each other, pointing in opposite directions, with a generous overlap.

2

First overhand

With the end of the first line, tie a simple overhand knot around the standing part of the second line.

3

Second overhand

With the end of the second line, tie a matching overhand knot around the standing part of the first line.

4

Draw together

Pull the two standing parts apart and the two small knots slide together and jam against each other. For gut or fine line, leave a little space and bind it with silk for the strongest finish.

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