

The Granny Knot

The lookalike that lets you down - learn it so you never tie it by accident.

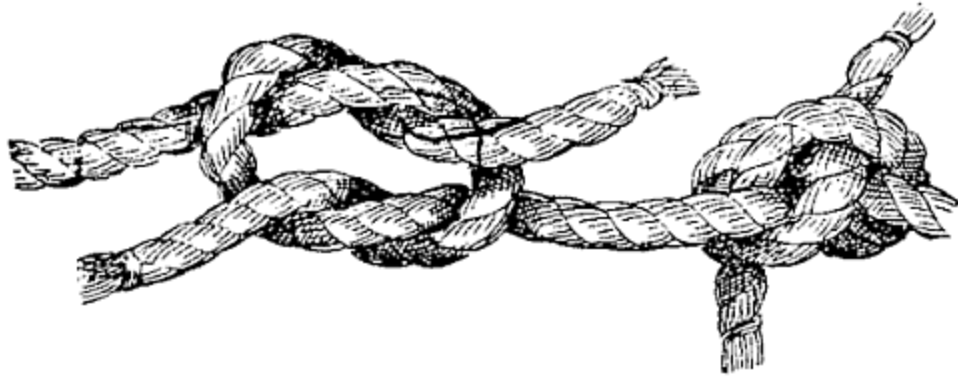


FIG. 13.—Granny knot.

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"Left over, left over - and you've made a Granny you'll regret."

1

Cross the ends

Lay the left end over the right and tuck it under, just like starting a square knot.

2

Repeat the same way

Now cross left over right AGAIN instead of right over left - this is the fatal slip.

3

See it go wrong

Pull both ends: the knot twists and sits crosswise, not flat like a proper square knot.

4

Learn the cure

Remember 'left over right, then right over left' - that gives the true square knot every time.

Practise until your fingers remember it. — Widow Maker · wmc.penguinboisoftware.com · a PenguinBoi Network show