

Gunner's Knot

A clove hitch that won't quit - knot the ends and it grips even a slimy spar.

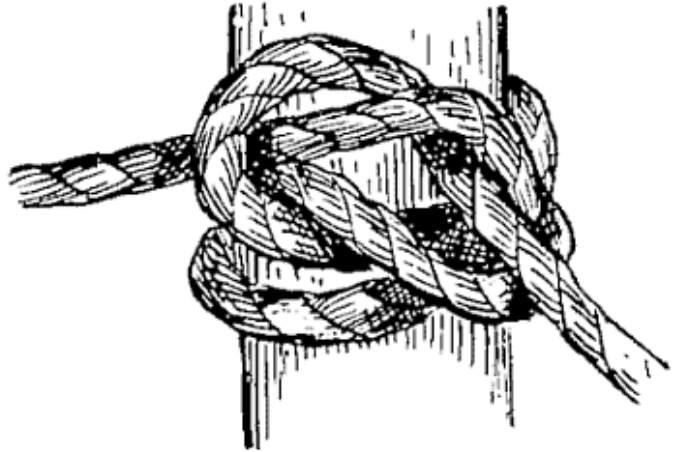


FIG. 37.—Gunner's knot.

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"A clove hitch with its ends tied off - the gunner's grip stays on."

1

Tie a clove hitch

Pass the end around the spar, over itself, around again, and tuck it under to form a clove hitch.

2

Bring the ends together

Lead the working end across to meet the standing part on the same side.

3

Knot the ends

Tie the two ends together with an overhand knot - this locking knot is what turns a clove hitch into a gunner's knot.

4

Snug it down

Work everything tight against the spar so the hitch can't slip, even on a smooth or slimy timber.