

Half-hitch and Seizing

A half-hitch backed up with a twine seizing for ropes that must hold for the long haul.



FIG. 29.—Half-hitch and seizing.

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"Hitch it, then whip it — security you can leave overnight."

1

Lay the ropes parallel

Bring the two rope ends alongside each other, overlapping for a good length.

2

Take a half-hitch with each end

Pass each end around the other rope's standing part to form a half-hitch, so each rope grips its neighbour.

3

Seize the standing parts

Bind the two standing parts together with a tight twine seizing so the join can run over a winch or coil down smoothly.

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