

The Midshipman's Hitch

A half-hitch plus a round turn that grips the standing part and won't let go.



FIG. 52.—Midshipman's hitch.

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"Half-hitch low, a round turn twice above it — and it bites the standing part."

1

Half-hitch the standing part

Bring the end around the standing part and tuck it to take a half-hitch.

2

Add a round turn above

Above that half-hitch, take a round turn twice around the standing part.

3

Snug it down

Work the turns tight against each other so the hitch grips the standing part and holds the strain.