

Open-Hand Knot

A big friendly bend for joining odd ropes - never slips, just a touch chunky.

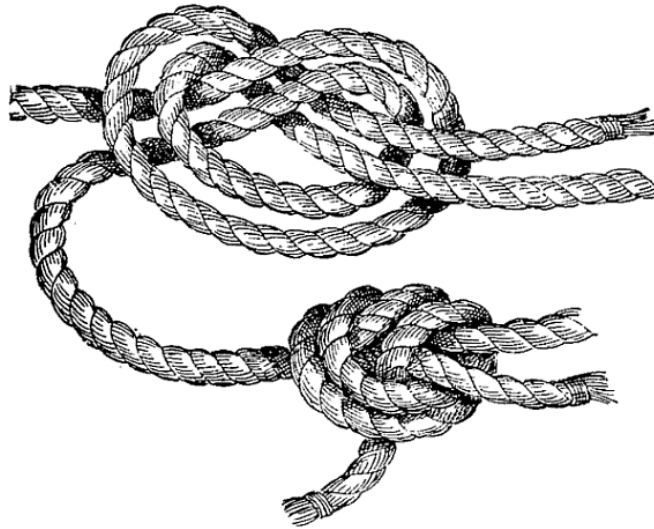


FIG. 16.—Open-hand knots.

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"Two ropes, one overhand, hand in hand - that's the open-hand."

1

Lay the ropes side by side

Hold both ropes together, parallel, with their ends pointing the same way.

2

Form a loop

Treat the doubled ropes as one and start a single overhand knot - make a loop.

3

Pass the ends through

Bring both ends together through the loop, exactly as you would tie an overhand knot in a single rope.

4

Draw it taut

Pull standing parts and ends to tighten. It's bulky but it will never slip or give.