

Ordinary Knot

The gentle giant for heavy rope - strong, kind to the fibres, and it pays out straight.

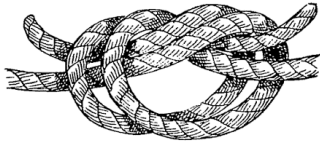


FIG. 20.—Ordinary knot (tying).



FIG. 19.—Ordinary knot (finished).



FIG. 21.—Ordinary knot (seized).

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"Knot one, follow round with the other - and they hang as one."

1

Make a simple knot

Tie a loose overhand knot in the end of the first rope.

2

Follow it around

Take the second rope and interlace it, tracing the first knot's path - 'following around' as in the figure.

3

Draw it taut

Pull all four parts snug. The two ropes now sit interlocked in a single doubled knot.

4

Seize for neatness

Whip each end to its standing part and the joint becomes a tidy, handsome knot that pays out straight.

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