

Short Splice

Marry two ropes by weaving their strands together - simple and very strong.

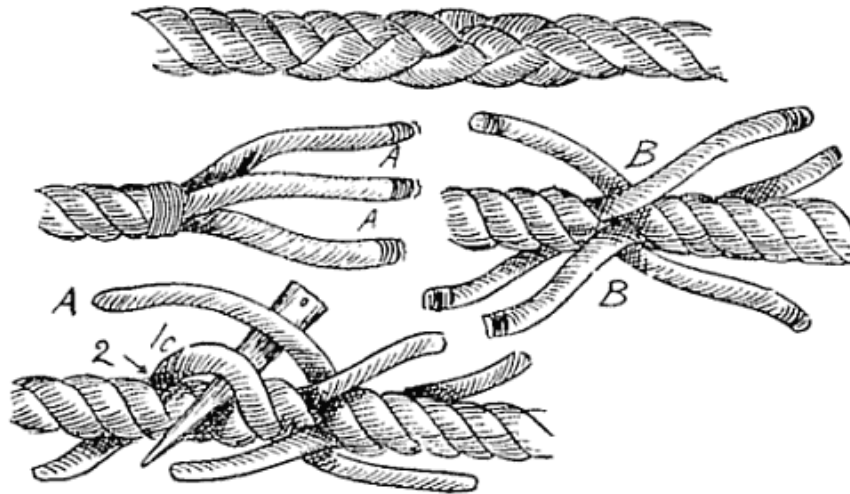


FIG. 106.—Short splice.

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"Marry the ropes, then tuck each strand over one and under the next."

1

Open the ends

Untwist each rope's end a few inches and seize with twine to stop further unwinding; whip each strand tip and wax them smooth (Fig. 106 A).

2

Marry the ropes

Push the two ends together so the strands of one nest between the strands of the other (Fig. 106 B).

3

Tuck the first rope

With a marline-spike, open a strand of one rope and pass a strand of the other through it - over one strand and under the next - doing all three strands.

4

Tuck the other way

Now open the strands of the second rope and tuck the first rope's strands through them the same way, so both sets are woven in.

5

Halve and trim

Untwist the six strands, cut away about half the yarns, tuck the reduced strands under two or three more lays, draw all tight and trim the ends close (taper as you go for a neat splice).