

The Simple Hitch

A quick hitch-in-a-loop for joining two heavy ropes when you're in a hurry.

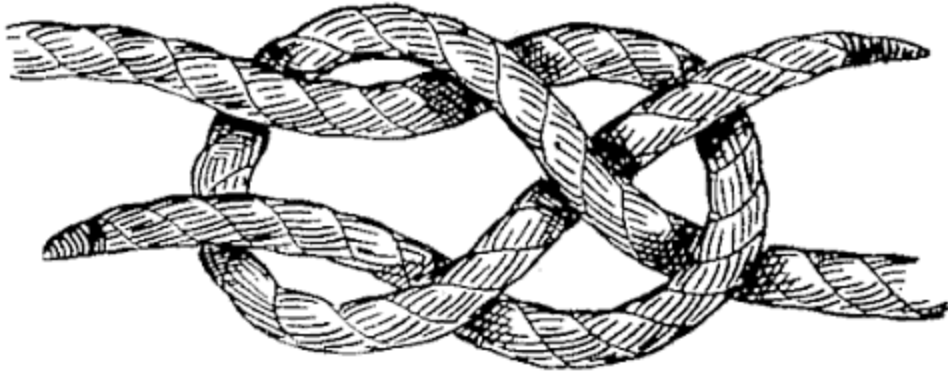


FIG. 28.—Simple hitch (hawser).

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"One loop, one hitch through it, done — just don't trust it like a Garrick bend."

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Form a loop

Make a loop, or bight, in the end of the first heavy rope.

2

Pass the second rope

Lead the end of the second rope through that loop.

3

Hitch it back on itself

Bring that end around the standing part and tuck it under itself to form a simple hitch inside the loop, then draw both ropes snug.

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