

Single Plait or Monkey Chain

Pull bight through bight to chain a rope short and it pulls right out again.

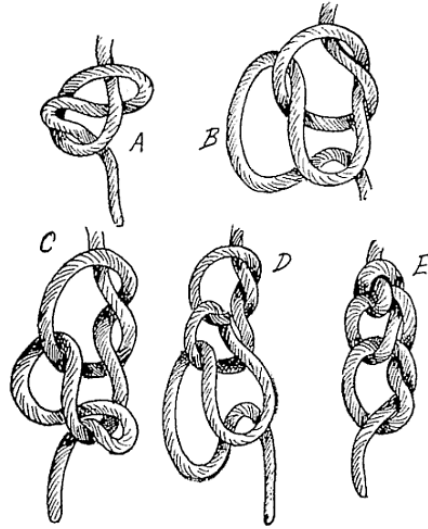


FIG. 70.—Single plait or monkey chain (making).

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"Bight through bight through bight pull the tail to spill the lot."

1

Start the chain

Make a running loop in the rope (A).

2

Pull a bight through

Draw a bight of the rope through that loop (B).

3

Keep chaining

Draw another bight through the last one (C to D), and continue this way until the rope is shortened as much as you want.

4

Lock the end

Fasten the free end by passing a bit of stick through the last loop (F) or by running the free end through it (E).

5

To undo

Slip out the stick or free end and pull, the whole chain unravels at once.