

The Slippery Hitch

Fast on, faster off — a loop pulled back through itself that frees with one tug.

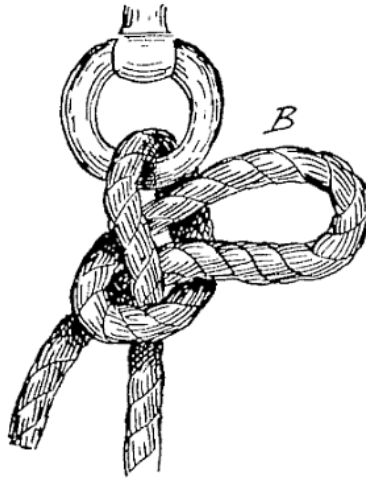


FIG. 32.—Slippery hitch
(complete).

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"Push a loop, not the end, back through — then yank the tail to vanish it."

1

Reeve through the ring

Run the end of the rope through the ring or eye you're fastening to.

2

Cross the standing part

Bring the end back over the standing part, forming a cuckold's neck.

3

Tuck a bight, not the end

Push a loop (bight) of the free end back through that opening rather than the end itself. To untie, simply pull the free end.

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