

Square Knot with Ends Seized

The square knot's bodyguard - lash the tails down and it can't slip free.



FIG. 15.—Square knot with ends seized.

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"Tie it, then tie the tails - a seizing keeps a square knot square."

1

Tie the square knot

Start with a proper square knot joining the two ropes.

2

Lay the ends down

Bring each loose end back alongside its own standing part.

3

Seize the tails

Wrap a length of twine tightly around each end and the standing part to bind them together.

4

Finish off

Trim the seizing neat - now the ends can't pull through and the knot holds even on unequal ropes.