

The Square Knot

The honest little knot that ties two ends as equals — flat, neat, and quick.

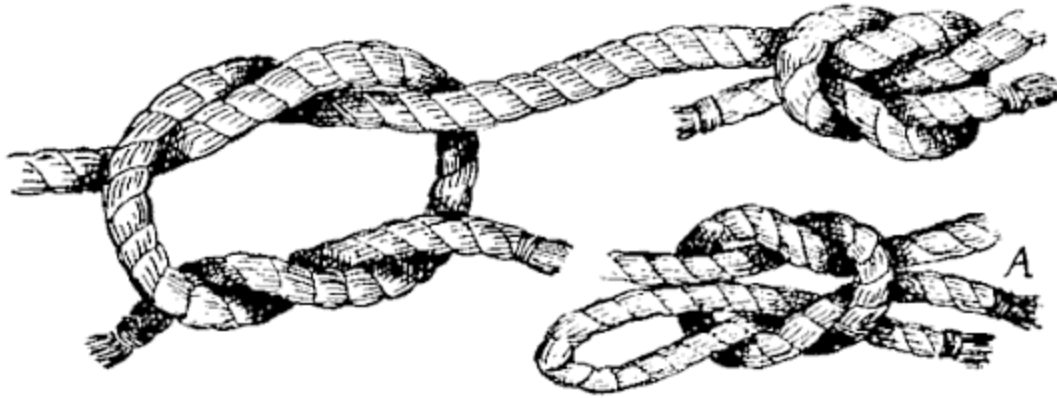


FIG. 11

FIG. 12

FIGS. 11 and 12.—Square knots.

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"Left over, right over — a true square knot, never a granny."

1

Left over right

Take the two ends and pass the left end over and then under the right end, as if starting a shoelace.

2

Right over left

Now pass what is now the right end over and then under the left end.

3

Draw it snug

Pull both standing parts and both ends evenly. The knot should lie flat. If it twists into a lumpy 'granny,' you crossed the same way twice — undo and reverse the second cross.

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