

Three- and Fivefold Shortening

Keep looping the end through - the more passes, the bigger the knob.



FIG. 69.—Three- and fivefold shortening.

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"Same trick as the twofold - just keep feeding the end through for treble, fourfold, sixfold."

1

Begin the loop

Start exactly like the twofold shortening: form the loop of a simple overhand knot.

2

Choose your bulk

Pass the end through three, four, or five times depending on how much rope you want taken up and how big a knob you need.

3

Draw taut

Pull it tight (Fig. 69 shows the whole range from double to sixfold, both being made and drawn up) - more passes means a larger stopper that takes up more rope.