

Timber Hitch and Half-hitch

The grippy timber hitch with an added half-hitch up the spar so it can't roll loose.

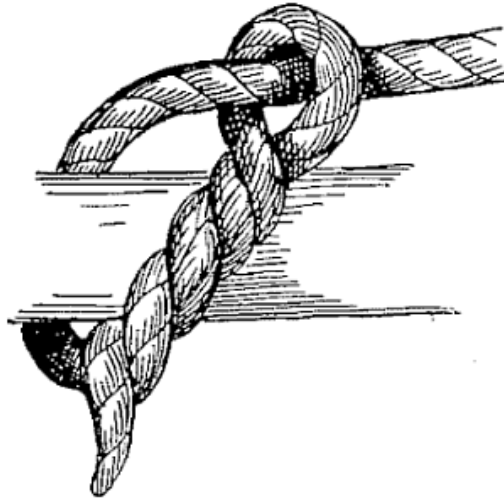


FIG. 38.—Timber hitch.

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"Dog the tail round itself three times, then a half-hitch keeps it pointing true."

1

Pass round the spar

Take the end of the rope around the spar or log and then around its own standing part.

2

Twist the tail back on itself

Tuck the end three or more times around, under and over itself, so the turns lock the harder you pull.

3

Add a half-hitch along the spar

A couple of feet further along the spar, take a single half-hitch with the standing line. This steadies a long load so the timber hitch can't roll.