

Turk's Head

An ornamental woven collar you wrap around a rope, rail, or stanchion.

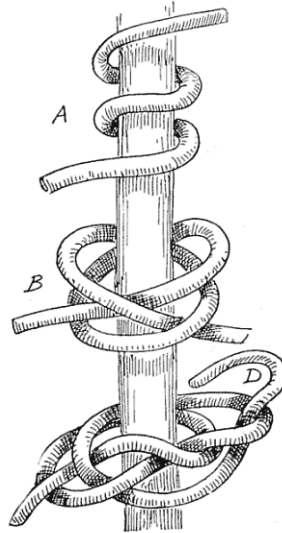


FIG. 135.—Making Turk's head.

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"Cross the bights, reeve the end, then chase your first lay around."

1

Start the turns

Around a smooth round stick or the rope, pass two turns of small line from left to right (A).

2

Cross the bights

Pass the upper bight down through the lower bight and reeve the upper end down through it (B).

3

Weave the end

Pass the bight up again, run the end over the lower bight and up between it and the upper; turn the upper bight through the lower again and pass the end over the new upper bight and between it and the lower (C).

4

Follow the lay

Now work left to right, passing your long end alongside the first end, following the lay of the knot for two or more lays (Fig. 136).

5

Tighten

Work up the slack and draw all bights taut until the Turk's head grips the rod as tightly as you wish.