

Two Half Hitches

Two quick turns that lock a rope to a post and hold forever.



Fig. 34.



Fig. 35.

FIGS. 34 and 35.—Half-hitches.

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"Around the post, then twice around the standing part — same way both times."

1

Round the post

Pass the end of the rope around the post, ring, or spar you are tying to.

2

First half hitch

Bring the end over and around the standing part, between the post and itself, and tuck it through to form one half hitch.

3

Second half hitch

Carry the end on and make a second identical half hitch around the standing part, beyond the first one. Both hitches must wrap the same direction. Slide them together and pull snug against the post.

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