

Fisherman's Knot



The fisherman's knot is used for joining two fine lines such as fishing leaders. It is simply two overhand knots, one holding the right-hand line, and the other the left-hand line. Pull each of the two overhand knots taut separately. Then make the whole knot taut so the two overhand knots come together by pulling on the standing parts of each line.

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The Fisherman's Knot is simply made up of two overhand knots. It is a very simple knot but quite effective nonetheless. It is most used with two lines of roughly equal thickness and can be difficult to tie with thick ropes. The Fisherman's Knot is used quite often by anglers and climbers.

Note: The Fisherman's Knot is a bend (used to tie two ropes together). However the Fisherman's Bend is actually a hitch (used to tie a rope to or around an object).

How to tie a Fisherman's Knot

Take the end of each rope and place them parallel to each other.

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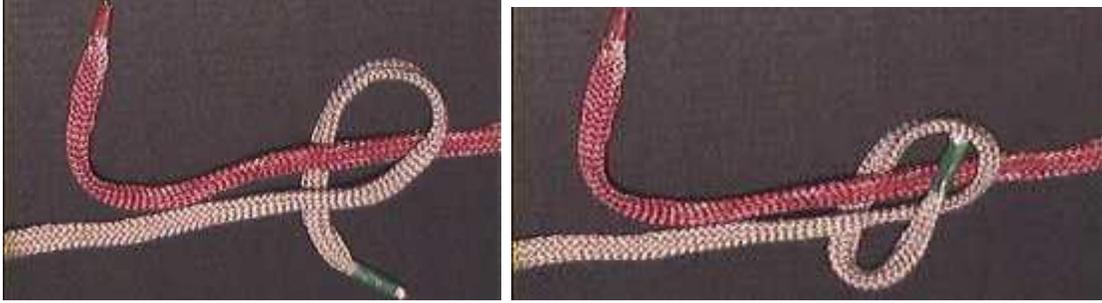
Take the end of one rope and place it over and around the second length.

B



As you come around place the end underneath itself, forming a overhand knot around the second length of rope.

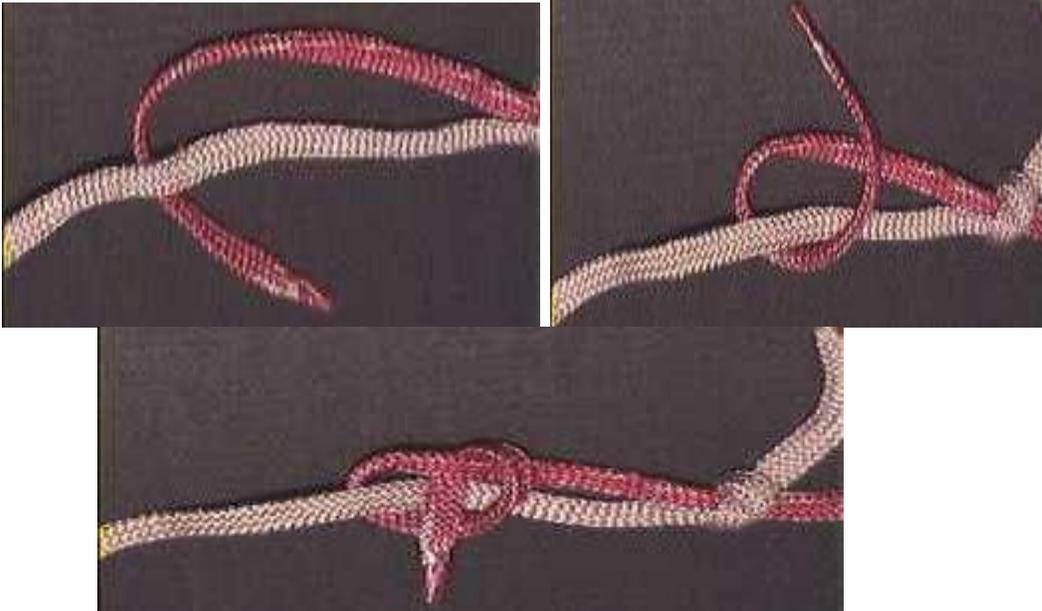
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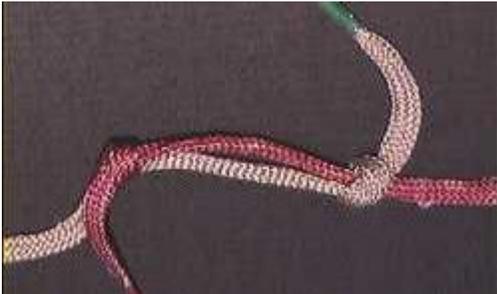
(F) Tighten the overhand knot.



(G) - (I)

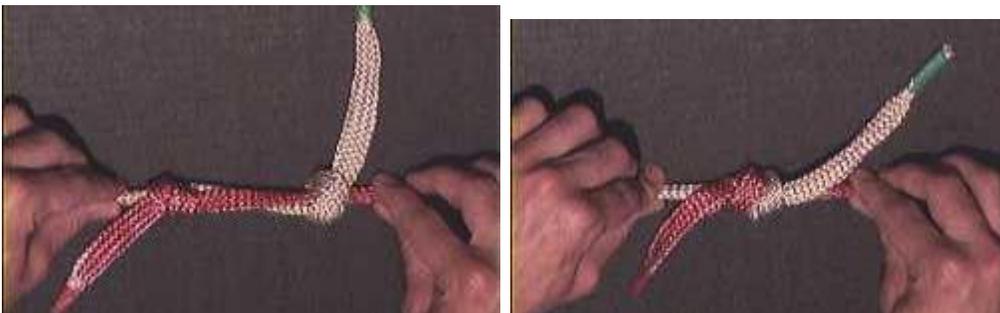


Repeat the procedure at the other end using the second length of rope.



(J) Now the second length of rope has formed an overhand knot around the first length. Pull gently to tighten slightly.

(K) - (L) Now pull on each rope so that the two overhand knots slide along the rope until they lie against each other. If you want the final knot to be fully secure then tape the working ends of the rope down.



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