

The Timber Hitch (Lumberman's or Countryman's Knot)

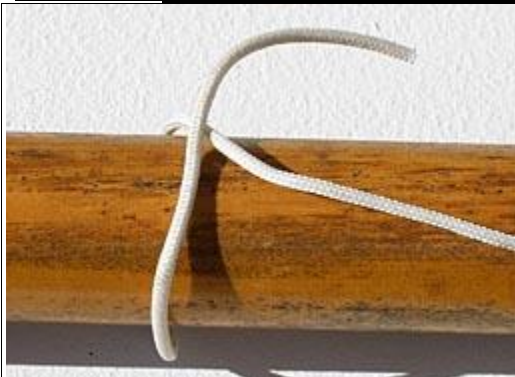
Uses: The Timber Hitch is described by (Ashley [ABOK](#) #1665, p 290) as much used for handling cargo "... for which it is very convenient, as it practically falls apart when pull ceases." It is also useful when towing a spar or log either afloat or on land. When used for this purpose, the Timber Hitch is often placed near the center of the spar and a separate half-hitch is dropped over the end of the spar to act as a guide.

Technique: The end of the line is passed once around the spar and then round the standing end before being wrapped three times round itself. When correctly tied and tightened, these three turns should all be tightly pinched against the spar or log.



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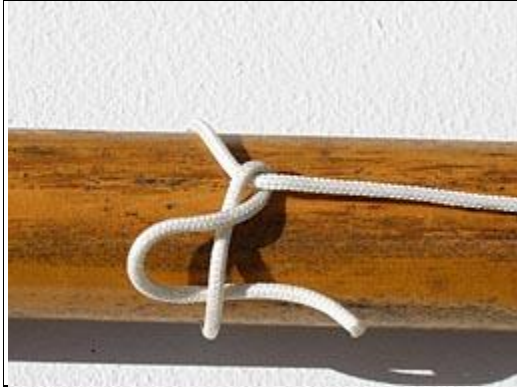
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