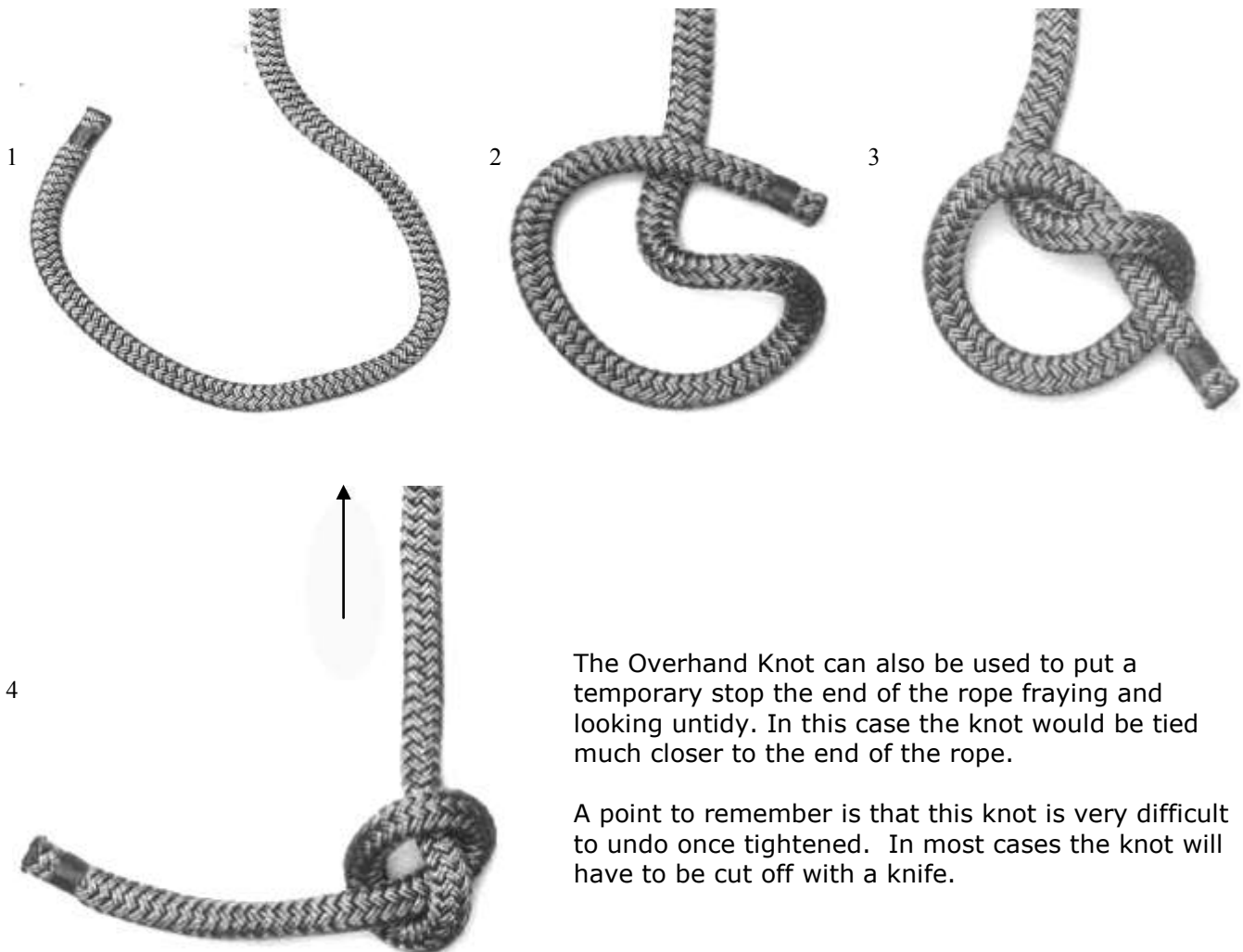


Overhand Knot

Uses:

An 'Overhand Knot' is a simple stopper knot. It's main purpose is to put a knot on the end of the halyard of a flagpole and in ropes on sailing boats, to stop the rope passing through and coming out of a pulley.



The Overhand Knot can also be used to put a temporary stop the end of the rope fraying and looking untidy. In this case the knot would be tied much closer to the end of the rope.

A point to remember is that this knot is very difficult to undo once tightened. In most cases the knot will have to be cut off with a knife.

Overhand Knot on a Bight

Uses:

The Overhand Knot on a Bight is used to make a loop in the middle of a long rope. (A 'Bight' means a loop).

This is a quick and easy way of making a loop when tying down a load. If you are making your own flagpole at camp, you can use this knot to tie a permanent loop in the halyard that the top of the flag can be fastened to. Many flags have a wooden toggle at the top corner that can be threaded through the loop.



This loop knot can be very difficult to undo once it has been tightened. It's better to use a 'Trucker's Hitch' if you need to undo the knot easily.

Tie an 'Overhand Knot on a Bight' here, so the top of the flag can be fastened easily.



Flag joined to the halyard with a Sheet Bend.