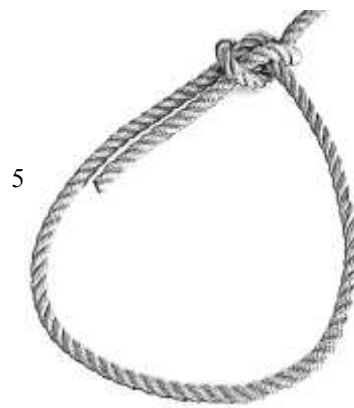
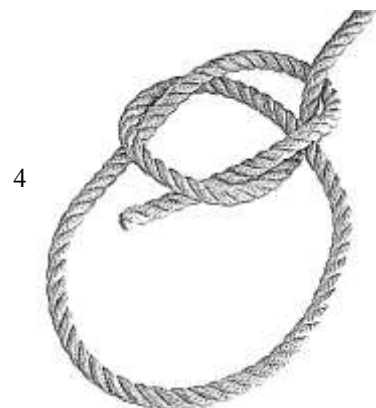
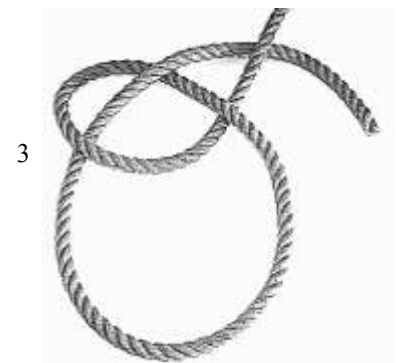


Bowline

The Bowline knot is a general purpose, non slip, loop knot.

It is generally tied at the end of a rope and used for tying around the necks of horses and cattle when leading them. It's also tied around the patients waist when used as a safety knot in emergency or rescue situations. It can be difficult to undo after lifting a heavy load.

Caution: In some circumstances a bowline will slip, especially if tied using synthetic rope. When used on these ropes in an emergency situations, it's wise to end the knot with an extra half hitch just to be sure it doesn't slip and badly injure the patient.



Standard bowline

A bowline with a half hitch added as an extra safety measure.

Here is a memory aid for tying a bowline:

"The rabbit come up out of the hole,
Runs around the tree,
And back down the hole again".

Bowline on a bight

A bowline on a bight is a bowline tied in the middle section of a long rope.

It is used as a safety knot in emergency situations where it is usually tied around the patients waist. The most likely use is in cliff rescues where a long rope is dropped down a cliff and a knot has to be tied part way down the rope.

