

Reef Knot (or Square Knot)



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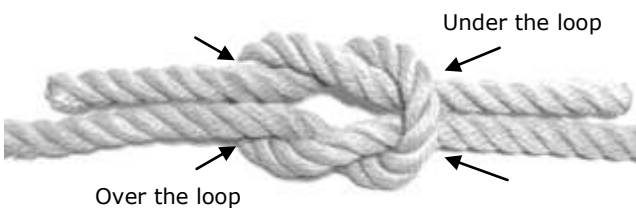
This knot is used to join two ropes of equal thickness such as cord or parcel string. It is also used in first aid for tying slings and bandages as the knot lies flat and is easy to undo. A Reef Knot is not suitable for thick rope as it will loosen and come undone very easily.



Left over right and under



Right over left and under

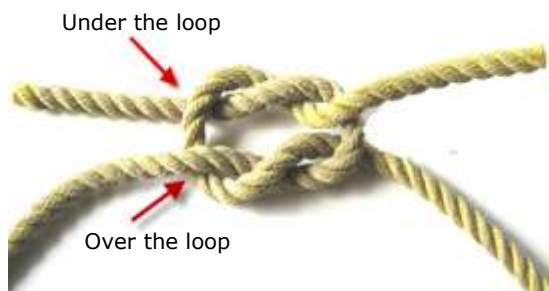


Note: When tied correctly, both ends of the rope come out on the same side of the loop.

Here is a saying to help you remember how to tie the knot:

***"Left over right and under,
Right over left and under."***

Don't tie these.... They come undone very easily.



This is called a "**Granny Knot**".

Note how the ends of the rope come out over and under the loop instead of the same side as each other.

Tie this knot and then jiggle it and watch how easily it comes undone.



This is called a "**Thief's Knot**".

Note how one end of the rope comes out on top of the knot and the other end is under the knot. Give it a good pull and watch what happens.

Some sellers in the markets tied the goods they sold with this knot and when people walked away with the parcel it came undone. Thieves then picked up the goods and resold them.