

Carrick Bend

Uses:

The Carrick Bend is ideal for joining two ropes of the same size together to make the rope longer.

It is very secure and the big advantage is that it can be undone quite easily after use.



Typical uses could include lengthening the ropes used to make rope bridges so that the bridge will reach right across a stream and have enough rope left to tie it to the stakes used to hold the ropes tight.

It is not suitable for a flying fox because the pulley cannot pass over the knot. However it could be used to extend the very end of the rope where the pulley will not need to travel.

Sheet Bend



Uses:

This knot is used to join two ropes that are of different thickness.

It is most commonly used for tying the long rope on a flag to the halyard that hoists the flag to the top of the flag pole.

The thin rope is looped around the thick rope and jams itself around the outside of the loop in the thick rope and 'locks' the ropes together. It's one of very few knots that will not come undone when used for joining ropes of different thickness.

