

WOVEN FIGURE-8 BEND

This knot can substitute for the “S” knot when the highest security and strength are not required.

1. Make a figure-8 in the top rope as shown in drawing 1.
2. Thread the end of the other rope exactly as shown in drawing 2.
3. Partially tighten, making sure that the lines remain parallel, without twists. (This makes the knot compact and excellent in appearance.)
4. Thoroughly tighten by repeatedly pulling each end and standing part. Note that the standing parts emerge on diagonally opposite sides of the knot. (See diagram.)

WARNING: DO NOT tie a figure-8 bend the “easy” way by simply twisting a figure-8 in the doubled ends of a pair of ropes. If you do, the standing parts will emerge together and you’ll have one of the weakest knots known!

