

# Knots



Knots are a fun part of Cubbing. When you learn to tie knots, you learn to make loops that won't slip, tie together two different kinds of rope, tie on a bandage properly, shorten a rope on a tent, and lash a rope to a pole. The great thing about knots is that they are fun to learn, fun to practise using, and really handy when you have to use rope in a hurry. So, let's have some fun! Remember to collect all rope or string after using it, and take apart all rope projects done in the woods before going home.



## Reef Knot



This is also called a square knot and it's probably one of the most common knots to use. You use a reef knot to tie together two ropes of the same size or to tie on a bandage or an arm sling properly. The little verse that goes with it describes what you do with the two ends of rope as you tie it. It says "left over right and right over left". What did you use your reef knot for?

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## Sheet Bend



Did you ever try to tie together two different kinds of rope? Notice how the thin rope jams against the loop of the thick one. The sheet bend is a good knot for tying together two different sizes of rope, but you can also use it to tie together two ropes of equal size. What did you use a sheet bend for?

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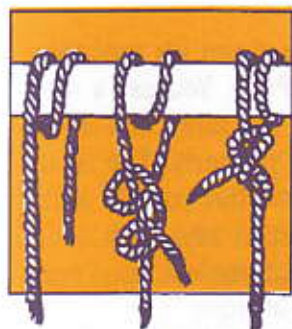
## Bowline

This makes a loop that won't slip, no matter how hard you pull on it. You can use it to make a leash for your dog or a hand hold on a rope you're using to pull something. You can even slip it under the arms of an unconscious person so that you can hoist the person to safety. What did you use a bowline for?

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## Round Turn and Two Half Hitches

This is an easy way to tie a rope to a pole, ring or bucket handle. It's great for towing things. What did you use a round turn and two half hitches for?

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## Clove Hitch

This is another way to tie a rope to a pipe, tree, or pole. It's a good knot to use for clotheslines and, in Scouts, you'll use it a lot for pioneer work. What did you use a clove hitch for?

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## Fisherman's Knot

This knot helps you tie together two pieces of line — some twine and fishing line, for example. What did you use a fisherman's knot for?

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## Tautline Hitch

The tautline hitch is an adjustable hitch, allowing you to tighten or loosen the rope. It is used for tying tent or tarp guide lines.