





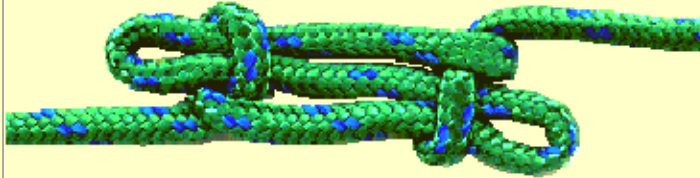
Basic Scout Knots

These are the eight basic knots that all scouts should be able to tie without even thinking twice.

<p>Square (or Reef) Knot</p> <p>Used to bind a package or bundle.</p>		<p>Sheet Bend</p> <p>Used to join two ropes together, which may be of unequal thickness.</p>	
<p>Bowline</p> <p>Used to make a non-slipping loop</p>		<p>Clove Hitch</p> <p>used to start a lashing, or otherwise loosely attach a rope to a pole.</p>	

Sheep Shank

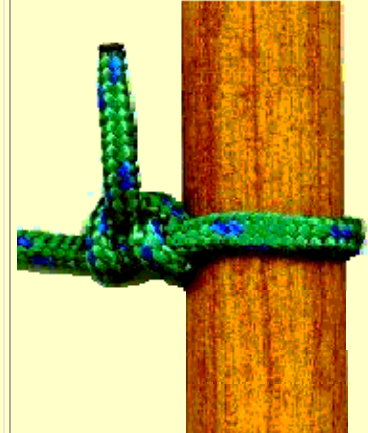
Used to temporarily shorten a rope, or isolate a weak portion of rope.



Two Half Hitches

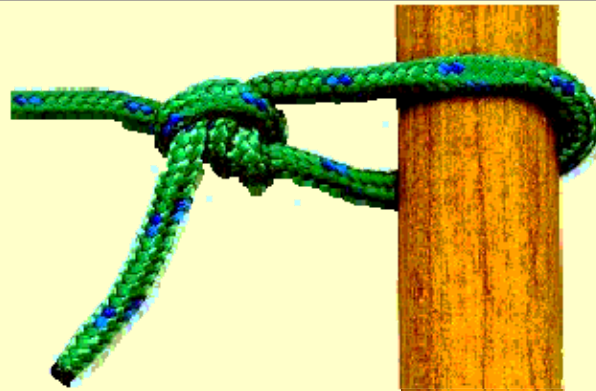
Used to attach a rope to a pole or guy point. Must be securely tightened.

NOTE: This is how scouts are taught the knot. An improved version includes an extra turn around the pole to add security, and is called a "Round Turn with Two Half-Hitches."



Taut-Line Hitch

Used as a hitch, which may be drawn up away from what it is looped around to tighten a line.



Timber Hitch

Used to attach a rope to a log for dragging.

