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Overhand Knot Booklet

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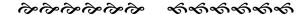


Basic Grouping

What do I feel is the basic grouping of knots needed for most knotting situations? You'll need:

- 1) a knot (a stopper knot)
 - 1) Overhand Knot,
 - 2) Oysterman's Stopper Knot.
- 2) to be able to join two ropes together (a bend)
 - 1) Fisherman's Bend,
 - 2) Water knot.
- 3) to tie onto something (a hitch)
 - 1) French Pulley,
 - 2) Guy Line Hitch.
- 4) a fixed loop (a loop knot)
 - 1) Englishman's Loop,
 - 2) Overhand Loop.
- 5) a loop that constricts (a noose).
 - 1) Farmer's Hitch.

Combining these five groupings into various combinations will solve most knotting problems you have.



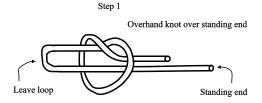




A Stopper Knot — Oysterman's Stopper Knot

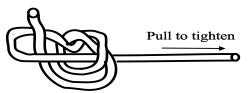
The Overhand knot can be used by itself as a Stopper knot, but it is usually too small to be used alone. Starting with the Overhand knot, you can make one more tuck of the end and make a good Stopper knot. I'm showing the **Oysterman's Stopper knot** here.

Step 1:To make the Oysterman's Stopper knot make a loop in one end of the cord. Then tie an Overhand knot over the standing part of the cord.





end of the line up through the loop.



Step 3

Finish knot

Step 3: After bringing the end through the loop on the end, tight-

en up the knot. This will form a bulkier knot that can be used as a stopper knot.

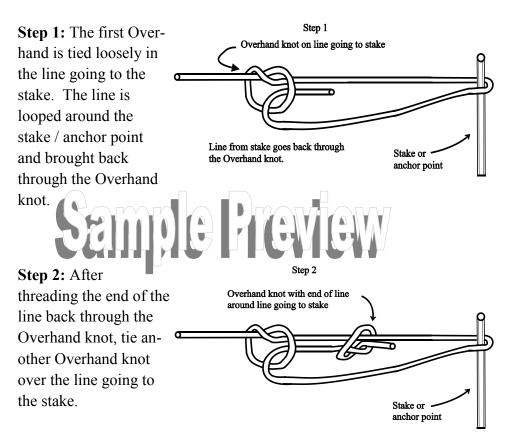
Stopper knots are used at the end of a cord to keep it from being pulled through a block or to keep the line from being pulled through a knot.





Second Hitch — Guy Line Hitch

The second hitch is the **Guy Line hitch**. To tie this hitch you reverse the order of the Overhand knots from the French Pulley.



Tighten knots and lines to finish the Guy Line hitch.

