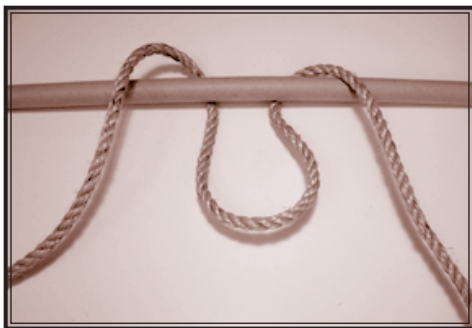


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1. THE HIGHWAYMAN'S HITCH

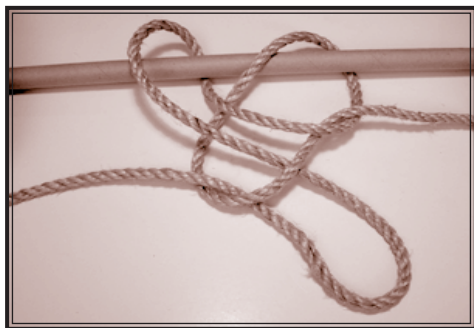
What's it good for? Use this knot to tie your horse to the hitching post and for a quick release in a hurry!



1. Create a loop and throw it over the rail.



2. Pinch a bit of rope from the horse's end through the loop.



3. Pinch a bit of rope from the short end...



... and put it through the last loop you created.



4. Tighten the knot from the horse end of the rope.

To release, pull on the short end of the rope and -voila! - you're free!



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2. THE HONDA KNOT

What's it good for? Use this knot to make a lasso or lariat -- it creates a loop at one end that can be tightened as necessary.



1. Tie an overhand knot (that's like the first knot you make when tying your shoes).



2. Bring the short end around and back through the knot.



3. Tie a small overhand knot at the tip of the short end to act as a stopper.



4. Tighten the main knot



5. Stick the long end of the rope through the loop -- then you have your lariat!



Use careful aim to lasso your target, whether it's cattle, the water bottle at the far end of the couch, or your little brother!

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3. THE TAUTLINE HITCH

What's it good for? Use this knot for tying tent ropes on the trail, because you can tighten and loosen it as necessary.



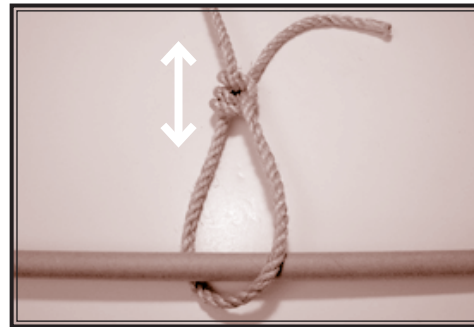
1. Pull rope around tent stake or tree trunk that you are hitching to and loop short end around long end twice.



2. Bring the short end up under the long end and above the other loops and wrap around rope.



3. Insert short end of rope into loop and pull taut.



4. To adjust the length of the rope, pull knot up or down.

