

Buntline Hitch

The Buntline Hitch is very useful as it simply will not come undone even when the rope moves about a great deal. It was used on square-sailed ships to secure a line to the Bunt (which is the middle part of a sail).

How to tie a Buntline Hitch

(A) - (B) Take the end (working end) of the rope and pass it up through the ring from back to front.

Take the end of the rope behind the long standing part (this forms a half hitch) **(C)**. Then bring it across the front of the half-hitch. **(D)**

(E) Now double back on yourself and take the working end of the rope behind the half-hitch.

(F) Bring the end of the rope around to the front of the knot and pass it through the half-hitch

(G) Pass it all the way through and then pull on the standing part to secure the knot.

(H) To tighten the knot pull on the long standing part (the bit we didn't use) and the working end (the short bit that did all the running about).

