

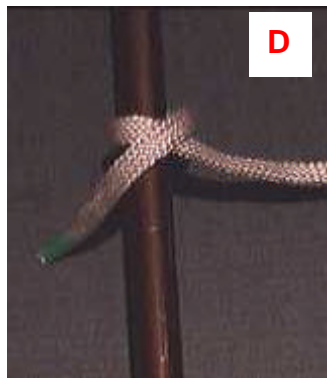
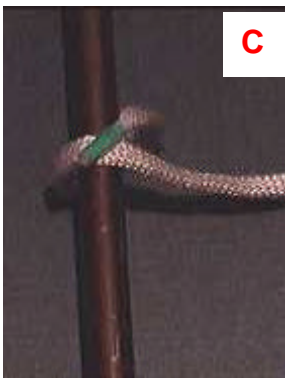
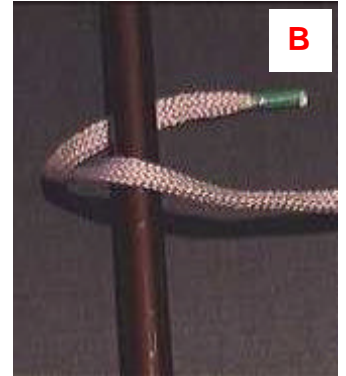
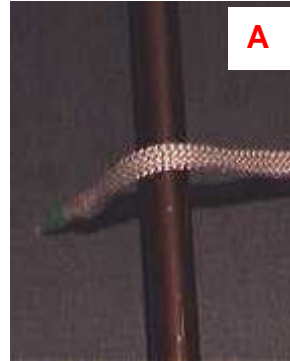


Clove Hitch

A Clove Hitch is essentially two half-hitches. It is used in a number of ways and is important as the starting point of many other knots (e.g. lashings). The standard Clove Hitch should be left with a long standing part if it is going to be used as an 'anchor' as it may work loose otherwise. Indeed it is only really secure when both ends are under tension. Note that is at least one more useful method to tie a clove hitch. However many of the other methods cannot be used when the rope is under strain.

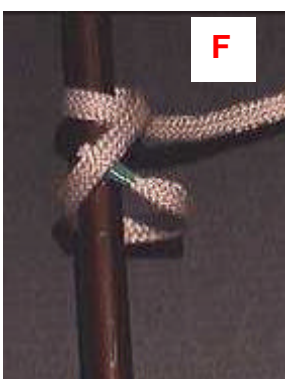
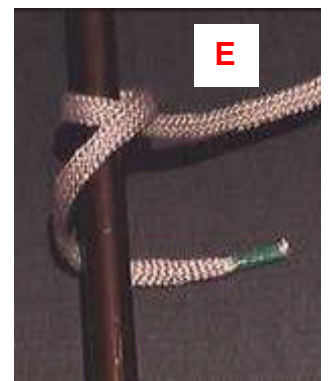
How to tie a Clove Hitch

(A) - (B) Pass the end of the rope around the pole forming the first turn.



(C) - (D) After you have formed the turn take the working end of the rope across the standing part.

(E) Now take the working end around the pole once more. This will make a second turn.



(F) - (G) As you come up to the end of the second turn tuck the working end underneath itself. Pull on the ends to tighten the knot.