

## Tiger and Wolf Knot Instruction

### Materials:

A rope for each Cub Scout that is 2 1/2 to 3 feet long  
Tiger/Wolf instruction sheets

### Instructions:

Tiger rank does not have any knot tying requirements, however, these members of the Tiger den can learn what the members of the Wolf den need to learn.

### Overhand Knot

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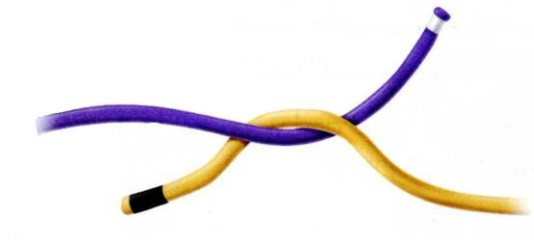


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2. Next, tuck the end of the rope through the loop.
3. Pull the end of the rope to tighten the knot.

## Square Knot

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2. Bring the right side rope over the left side rope. Go under and around the left side rope with the right side rope.



3. Now bring the left side rope over the right side rope. Go under and around the right side rope with the left side rope.



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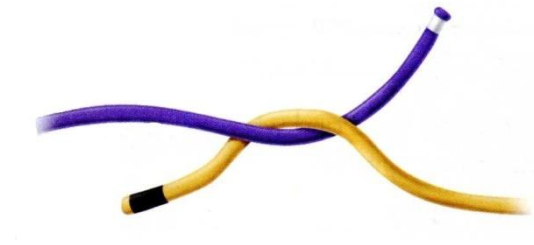


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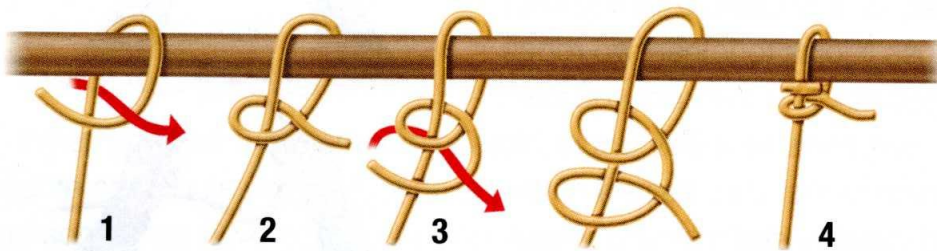
### Instructions:

Use the following instructions for members of the Bear dens, Webelos dens and Arrow of Light dens.

Review tying overhand knots and square knots (see Tiger/Wolf instruction sheet). The Scouting Adventure (required for Arrow of Light) requires that Webelos Scouts show how to tie a square knot, two half hitches and a taut-line hitch. The Bear Necessities Adventure requires Bear Scouts to tie a Bowline and then to teach a younger Scout how to tie it.

### Two Half Hitches

The two half hitches knot is used to tie items to a post or tree trunk. The knot is easy to untie when you are ready, but it will hold tight while in use. Each wrap around the rope is called a half hitch. Making two of them around the rope is what gives this hitch its name.



1. Pass the end of the rope around the post.
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3. Take the end around the standing part a second time, and tie another half hitch.
4. Pull the knot snug.

## **Bowline**

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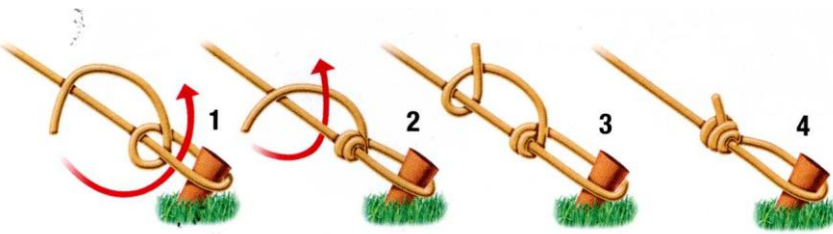


1. Make a small overhand loop in the standing part of the rope.
2. Bring the rope end up through the loop, around behind the standing part, and back down into the loop.
3. Tighten the bowline by pulling the standing part of the rope away from the loop.

## **Taut-Line Hitch**

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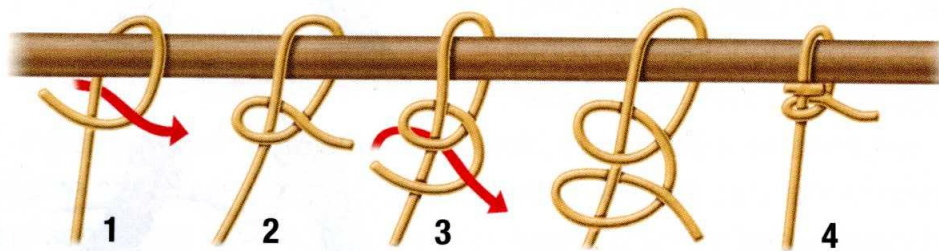
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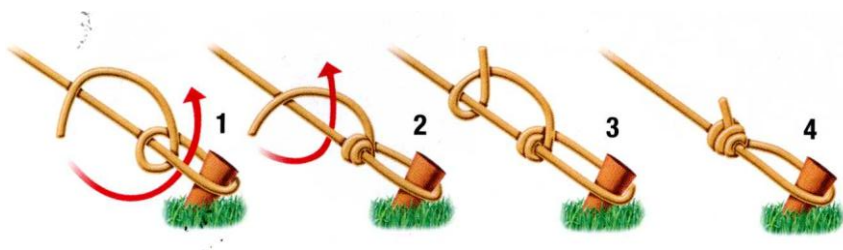


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