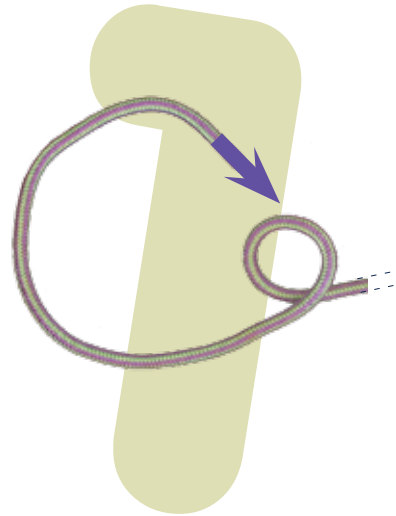


The Bowline is one of the handiest little knots you will learn. The Bowline is a Loop Knot. Here are some interesting Knot Facts about the Bowline:

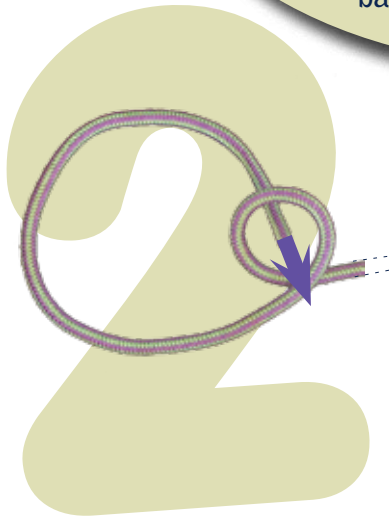
SILLY KNOT FACT

Near Paris in 1785, Renault and Chenault made final preparations for the maiden flight of their hot air balloon, *Le Politique Grande*. A fire was lighted to heat the air but when the anchor rope accidentally burned through, only Renault was on board. He ascended to 50 feet and headed straight for the old Roman aqueduct. The demise of Renault and the balloon was imminent. But the quick thinking Renault tied a Bowline in the lunch basket handle with the extra rope he always carried and snagged a tree top just before impact, saving the balloon, himself and lunch.

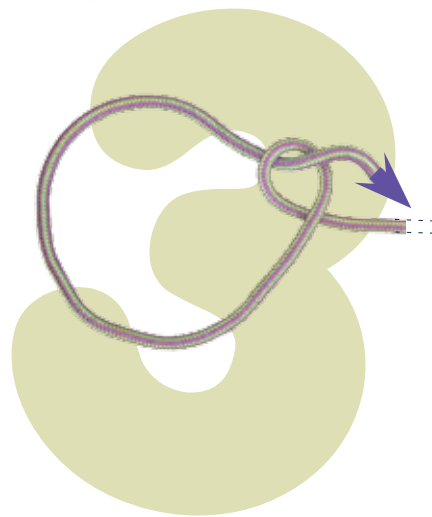
the bowline



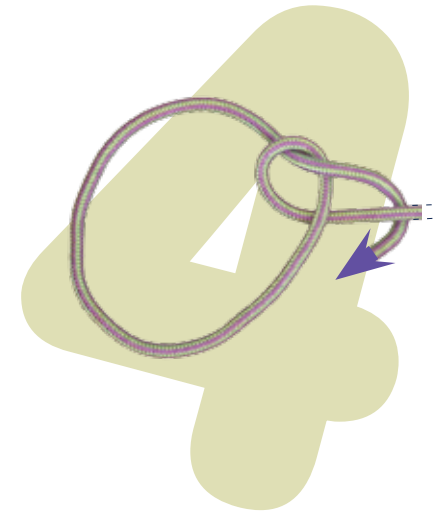
Form a small loop.



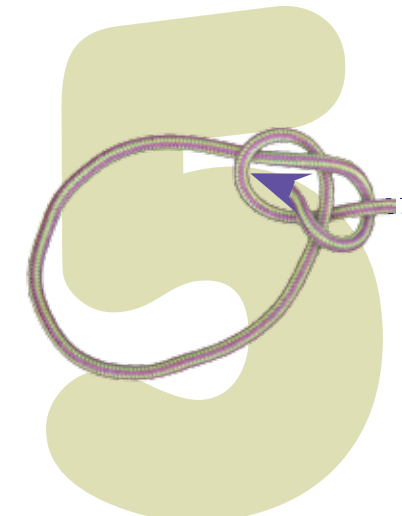
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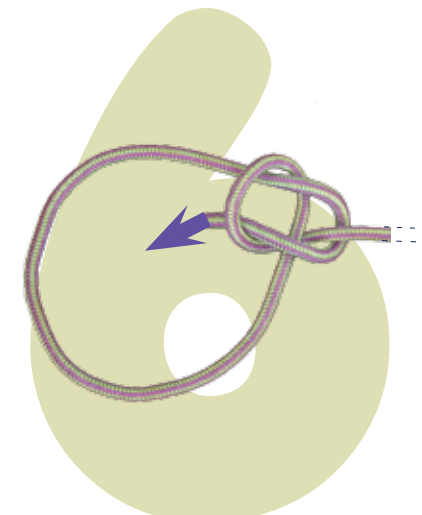
and out again.



Around behind.



Back through the loop again.



Work the knot tight.

- The Bowline is quick and easy to tie. It will not slip if it has been worked properly. And it is easy to untie, even if it is wet or it is being pulled.
- The Bowline Knot gets its name from sailing. The bow is the front of a ship and a line is a rope attaching something to the bow.
- The Bowline is very popular with mountaineers and rescuers. They tie a bowline to attach a rope to a harness.
- The Bowline can be tied around your waist with one hand. This can be important in an emergency. Can you tie this knot with one hand?
- The Bowline has been around for a long, long time. There is evidence of a Bowline Knot used on an ancient Egyptian boat!
- The Bowline can be right-handed or left-handed. It is right-handed when the end of the rope is inside the loop. It is left-handed when the end is outside the loop. The right-handed Bowline Knot is stronger. The right-handed bowline is shown here. Which way did you tie your Bowline Knot?

