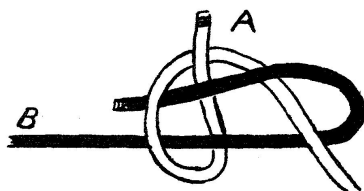


Weaver's Knot

This is essentially the sheet bend, used for the same purpose, with a slight difference in the weaving of the ropes forming the knot. Weavers use it for joining their threads, when all of them in the warp break. The authors favor the sheet bend.

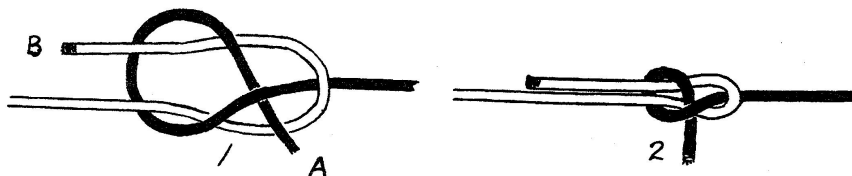


Tying. Make a bight in end B. Pass end A *down* through B's bight, then completely around B's end and standing part, and up between B's end and its own standing part, as illustrated.

Sheet Bend

The sheet bend, also known as the weaver's knot, is a fine knot with which to join two ropes of unequal size as well as the same size.

The Incas of Peru used the same sheet bend that we tie today, in weaving their fishnets—so did the Stone-Age Lake Dwellers!



Tying. This knot is tied in much the same way as the square knot. First, tie a square knot, when practicing a sheet bend, then pass end A *under* its standing part and *over* the bight of the other rope, and pull taut. Or, the end of the other rope (B) is passed *over* its standing part and *under* the bight of the other rope, then pulled taut. After one has practiced a few times, the sheet bend can be tied directly. When pulled taut, this knot looks quite unlike the square knot. See Figure 2.

Another way to tie the sheet bend is to make a bight in end B, bring end A *up* through it and around it, then tuck end A under its own standing part.

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