

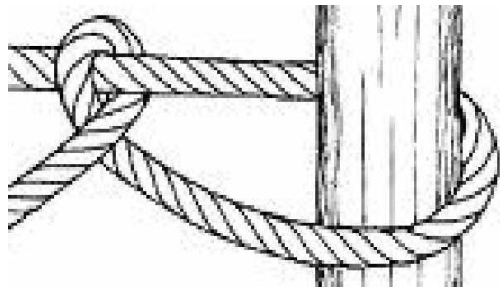
Fieldcraft Skills

The Essential Knots

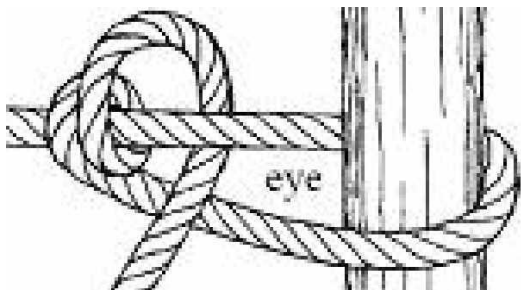


The Taut-Line Hitch

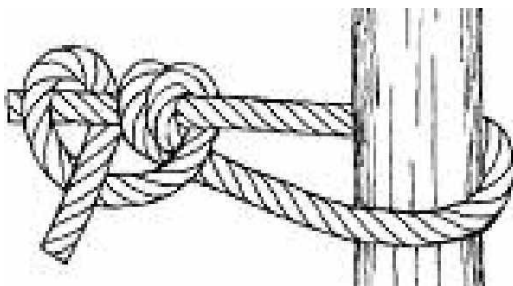
The taut-line hitch is a hitch used to secure a cord or rope to a fixed point or post, while allowing the knot to slide easily to adjust the amount of tension. It is only adjustable when there is no tension on the line. It holds secure when the line is tight or taut.



Wrap the cordage around the post or staff, and pass the working end of the cordage thru the opening.



Pass the end of the cordage thru the eye a second time forming a double wrap thru the loop.



Wrap the cordage around the main strand of the cordage and pass the end of the cordage thru the eye ensuring that the end exits in opposition to the entry of the first loop. Tighten and dress the knot.