

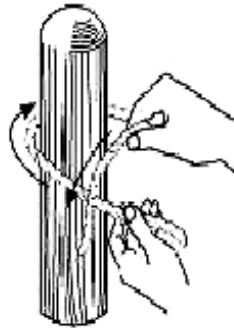
# Fieldcraft Skills

## The Essential Knots



### The Clove Hitch

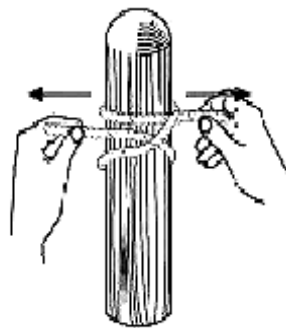
The clove hitch is used to secure a rope or line to a fixed post, and is used to start and finish many lashes.



Bring the running end of the cordage around the back of staff or spar, bringing the running end over the long end of the cordage forming a cross-over.



Bring the running end of the cordage around the staff or spar a second time, this time bring the running end under the cross-over formed when starting the second wrap around the post



Pull the ends in opposite directions, even-up the loops and tighten the wraps to form and dress a neat, tight clove hitch.

The clove hitch will remain secure as long as there is some tension on the working end of the line. Once you have learned to tie the clove hitch, you are ready to begin the next step in lashing.