

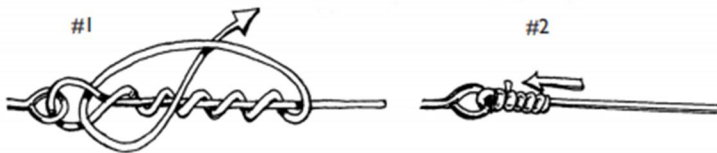
Fishing Knots

A simple overhand knot weakens line by about 50 percent.

- Wet knots with saliva as you pull them tight. This prevents damage to the line and allows the knot to pull tight.
- Pull knots tight to prevent slippage.
- Trim knots closely with a nail clipper.
- Knots have their own terminology. The "tag end" (sometimes called the "working end") is the end of the line used to tie the knot. The "standing end" is that part of the line coming from your fishing reel.
- These knots are especially good for nylon monofilament, the most commonly used line for all fishing.

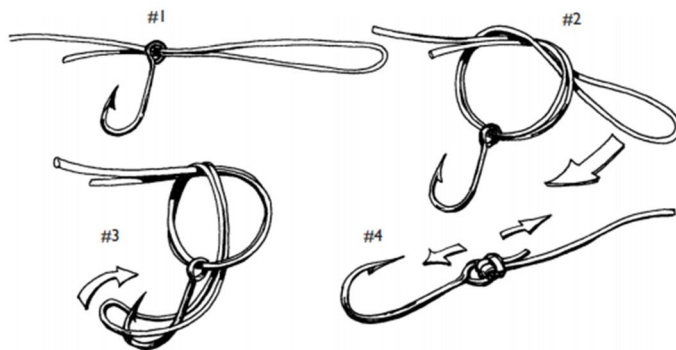
IMPROVED CLINCH KNOT

This is a variation of an older clinch knot. The variation (a final tuck of the line back through a loop) makes this knot test 95 percent of the line strength. The secret of this knot is to make five turns of the tag end of the line around the standing end part before running the tag end back through the formed loop. Use for lines up to 20 pound test.



PALOMAR KNOT

This knot, over 95 percent in strength, takes more line to tie because it is doubled first. It is good for lines up to and over 20 pound test. Because it is run doubled through the lure or hook eye, knotted and then looped over the hook or lure, it may tangle easier. It is a favorite knot of many anglers.



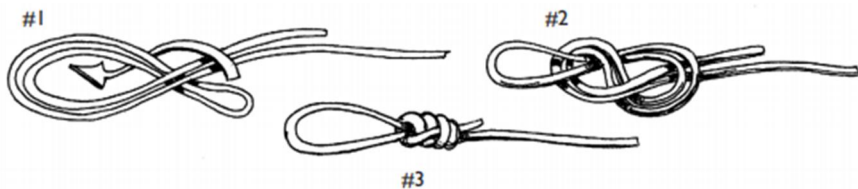
SURGEON'S LOOP

To make this, fold over the tag end of line and form the knot using both strands to make a double overhand knot. Pull up carefully on both the two ends and the loop.



FIGURE-EIGHT LOOP

This knot is stronger than the Surgeon's Loop. Fold over the tag end of line (leave lots of line for this) and then form a figure-eight bend with the two lines, ending by going through the first loop. As with the Surgeon's Loop, pull tight on the loop and both tag ends.



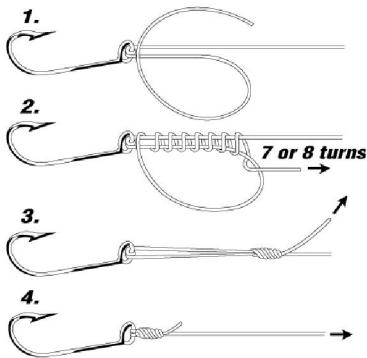
ARBOR KNOT

You need to attach the line to your fishing reel, but this knot does not need to be strong. Run the line around the spool hub (arbor) and make an overhand knot around the standing line. Clip and pull tight.



UNI KNOT

This is one of my new favorites. It is strong, easy and quick to tie. It works on monofilament and braid. It can be used to for hooks, lures, and joining two lines together (double Uni). Send the line through the eye and hold with your dumb hand. Make a loop and thread the tag end through the loop 5 to 8 times. Lick the line and dress the knot. Slide the knot to the position that you want.



KNOTLESS KNOT (Snell Hook)

This is the easiest way to snell a hook and it is a lot easier to "tie" than the picture makes it look. It assumes that you are tying a short line with both ends available to a hook. Try it!

Cut a piece of line 12" to 36" long. Thread the line through the eye and hold the tag end and the hook with your dumb hand. Tightly wrap the line around the hook shaft starting at the eye end. Thread the line back through the eye and pull tight. You may finish the snell by tying a Surgeon's or Figure Eight loop at the other end.

