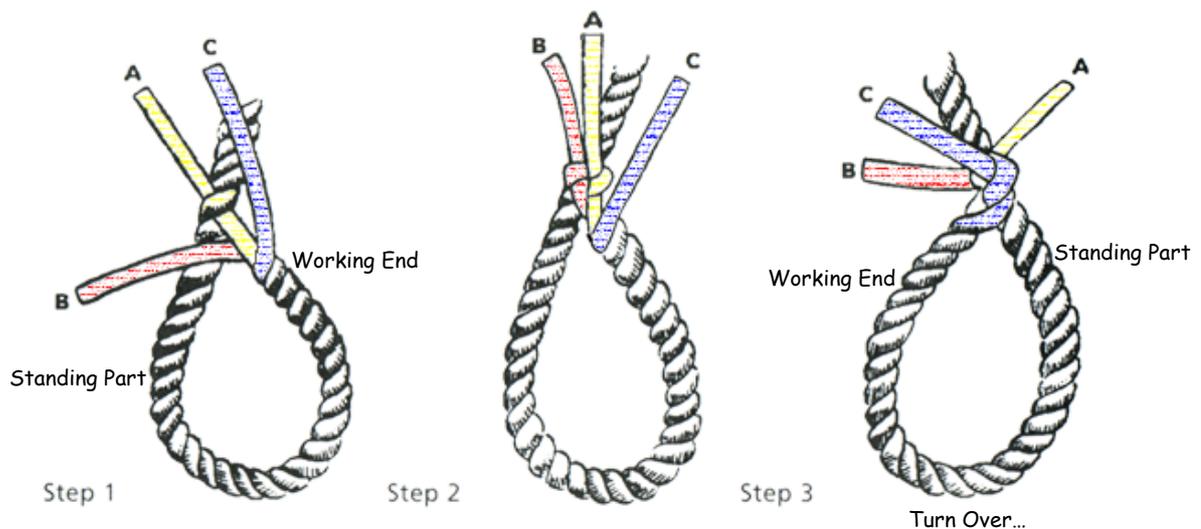


THE ART OF SPLICING AN EYE IN ROPE



- ★ Unlay the three strands at the end of the rope (the working end), enough to make at least three tucks — about one turn for each tuck — and form an eye by laying the opened strands on top of the standing part of the rope (The part of the rope you splice into.)
- ★ Take the middle end (A) and tuck it, from right to left, underneath the nearest strand of the standing part. (Step 1) - You may wish to secure the ends of the three working strands to prevent them from unravelling. Thread, masking tape or tiny spot of glue or hot candle wax will keep the end from splitting open.
- ★ Pick up the left end (B) and tuck it — again from right to left - under the next strand to the left of the one under which (A) is tucked. (Step 2)
- ★ Turn the whole splice over, then take the third end (C) and lead it over to the right of the third strand, so that the third tuck can, again, be made from right to left. (step 3)
- ★ There should now be one end coming out from under each strand on the standing part. If two ends come from under the same strand, the splice is wrong.
- ★ Pull each end tight enough to make a tidy and snug fit. This completes the first round of tucks.
- ★ For the second round, take each end over one strand and under the next towards the left. Pull each end tight. Work neatly in rotation.
- ★ Repeat for the third round. Never use less than three rounds of tucks if the eye is to bear any strain.
- ★ If desired, for neatness, the splice can be tapered by adding additional rounds of tucks, first with halved strands and then by halving again before the final round.
- ★ Trim the strands and roll the splice between your hands to flatten, or under a soft shoe.

Treat rope with TLC - it may save your life one day.