

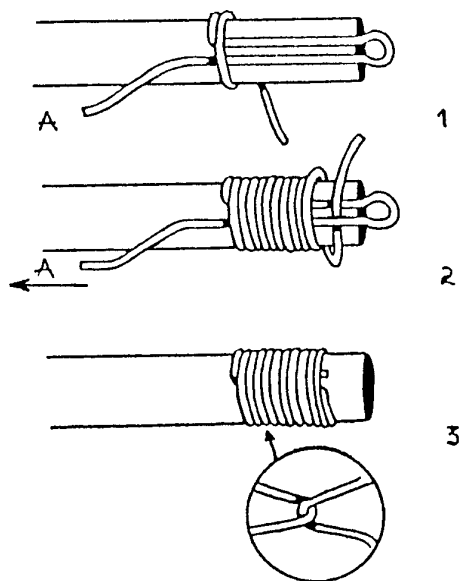
WHIPPING

The ends of a freshly-cut rope will rapidly fray and unlay if nothing is done to prevent it. Before using a rope, whip the two ends to keep them from unravelling.

There are various methods of whipping a rope, and here we will describe three methods.

Simple or Whipping

To whip a knotting rope, use a thin twine about 30 cm long. Make one end into a loop and place it at the end of the rope. End A should be fairly short. Wind the longer end of the twine around the rope and the loop, spiralling away and drawing each turn tight. When the whipping is as wide as the diameter of the rope, thread the twine through the end of the loop. Pull end A hard until the loop has disappeared under the whipping. Trim off the two ends.

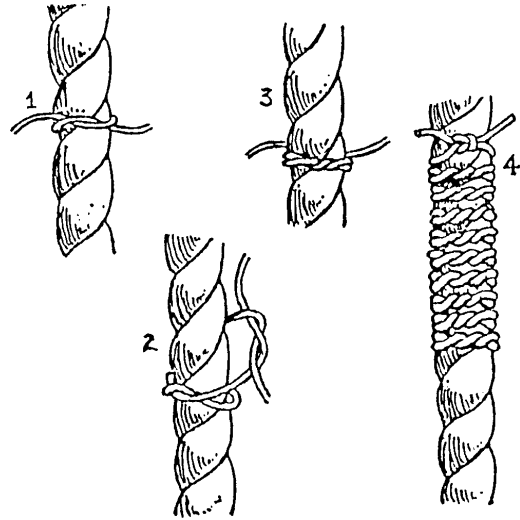


Then whip the other end of the ropes. For a more permanent type of whipping see the Sailmaker's whipping below.

West Country Whipping

This is the easiest form of whipping. Tie a Thumb Knot a few centimeters from the end of the rope using thin, strong twine. Then tie another Thumb Knot at the back of the rope, and continue tying Thumb

Knots on each side of the rope to within about a centimeter from the end. Finish off with a Reef Knot, and trim with a sharp knife.



Sailmaker's Whipping

1. Open the lay of the rope and place a loop of twine around one strand. Re-lay the rope.
2. Hold the loop down with one hand, leaving the short end free. With the long end of the twine make tight turns around the rope, close together, towards the end of the rope.
3. Raise the loop and slip it over the end of the strand it is around. Pull the short end to tighten. Join the ends of the twine with a Reef Knot.
4. Trim the end of the sharp knife and rub with wax.

