

Bowline

One of the most useful knots aboard a boat, the bowline, pronounced "bowlin," can be used to make a temporary loop anywhere in a line. Used on rings, spars or cleats, a properly formed bowline is strong, resists slipping and is easily untied.



Form an overhand loop, and take the line's bitter end through the loop from the back.



Bring the bitter end around the line's working part and back down through the formed loop.



Shape and tighten the knot firmly.

