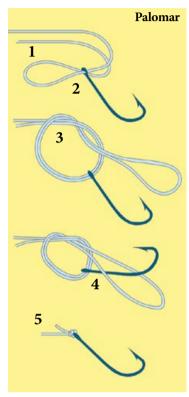
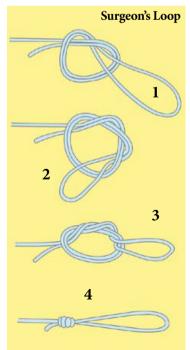


"KNOTES" ON KNOTS



A poorly tied knot can weaken line strength by 50 percent or more. *For example, fishing a lousy knot on 4-pound-test line is like fishing with 2-pound-test line.*





KNOTS FOR ATTACHING LURES AND HOOKS

Palomar

- 1. Make a loop of 4 inches or so of line.
- 2. Put the loop through the eye.
- 3. Tie an overhand knot with the loop. The hook should dangle from the middle of the knot.
- 4. Put the loop over the hook.
- 5. Pull both lines to tighten.

Note: This is one of the easiest and strongest knots to tie. It is not a good knot for attaching crankbaits or lures with lots of hooks. It is an easy knot to teach beginners and children.

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- 1. Thread the line through the eye and double back on the line.
- 2. Wrap the loose end around the line to the reel five times.
- 3. Thread the loose end through the first loop above the eye.
- 4. Thread the end through the big loop made in step 3.
- 5. Pull tight.

Note: To tie a regular clinch knot, skip step 4.

Surgeon's Loop

- 1. Make a loop about 1 to 2 inches long.
- 2. With the loop, tie an overhand knot. Don't tighten.
- 3. Thread the loop through the knot again and tighten.
- 4. Attach the hook to the line by threading the loop through the eye and pass the loop over the hook.

Note: This knot is useful for attaching snelled hooks, swivels and lures that have lots of action.

KNOTS FOR JOINING TWO PIECES OF LINE Blood Knot

- 1. Overlap two pieces of line by about 2 inches.
- 2. Wrap loose end #1 around line #2 five times.
- 3. Put loose end #1 between line #2 and line #1.
- 4. Wrap loose end #2 around line #1 fives times.
- 5. Thread loose end #2 through the loop made between #1 and #2.
- 6. Holding the loose ends and the running lines, tighten.

Surgeon's Knot

- 1. Lay pieces of line side by side, overlapping about 6 inches.
- 2. Tie an overhand knot, using both pieces. Don't tighten.
- 3. Pull the loose ends through the knot again.
- 4. Holding line, tighten.

Tips: Wet the knot with saliva or water before drawing the knot tight. Don't trim too close to the knot. Clippers can nick and weaken line.

Improved Clinch

