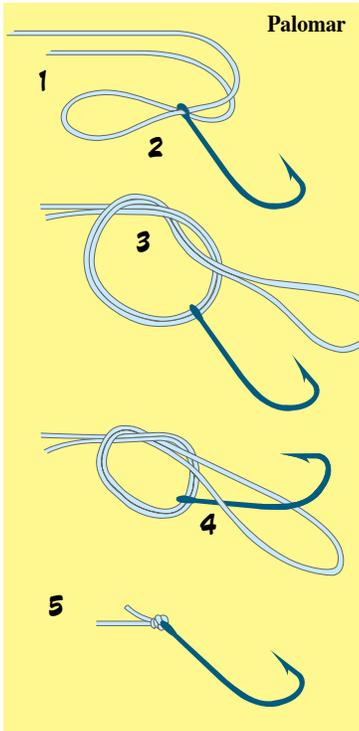


Knots on Knots

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



Palomar

KNOTS FOR ATTACHING LURES/HOOKS

Palomar

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

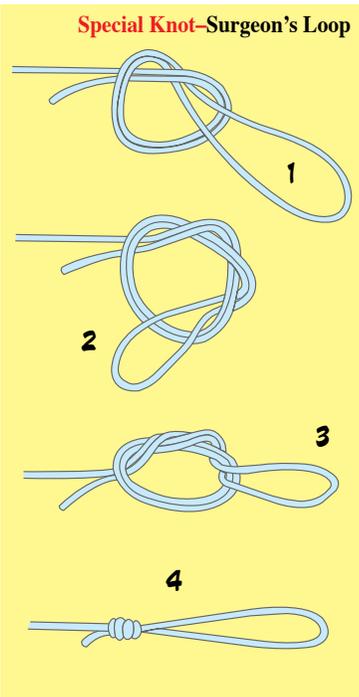
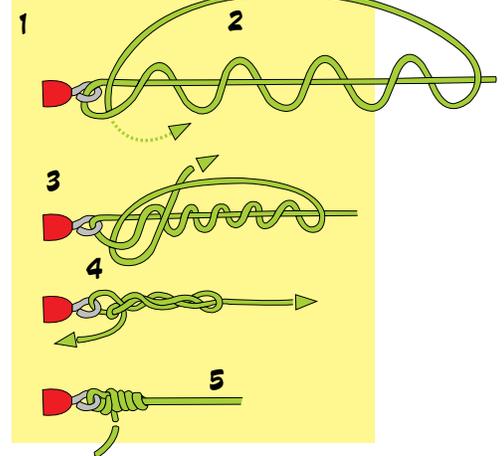
Note: One of the easiest and strongest knots. Not such a good knot for attaching crankbaits or lures with lots of hooks. Easier to teach beginners or children.

Improved Clinch

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

Note. To tie a regular clinch knot skip step 4

Improved Clinch



Special Knot—Surgeon's Loop

KNOTS FOR JOINING TWO PIECES OF LINE

Blood Knot

1. Overlap two pieces of line by about two 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 five times.
5. Thread loose end #2 through loop made between #1 and #2.
6. Holding the loose ends and the running lines, tighten.

Surgeon Knot

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

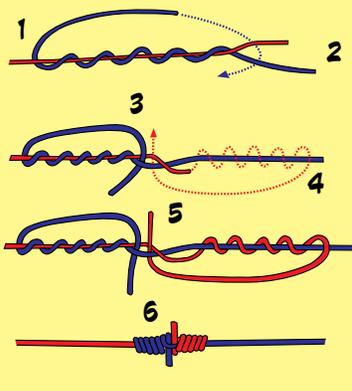
Special Knot

Surgeon's Loop is useful for attaching snelled hooks, swivels and lures that have lots of action.

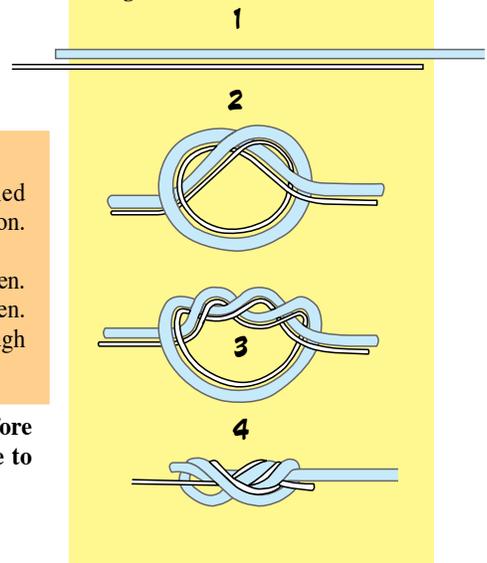
1. Make a loop about one to two inches long.
2. With the loop, tie an overhand knot. Don't tighten.
3. Thread the loop through knot again and tighten.
4. Attach hook to line by threading loop through eye and pass loop over hook.

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

Blood Knot



Surgeon Knot



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