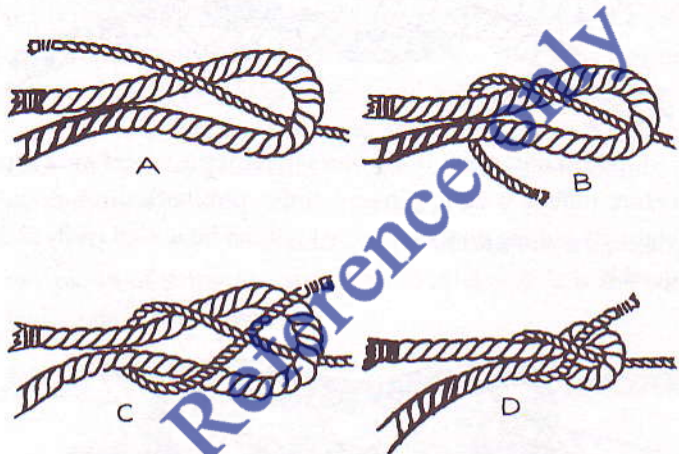


SHEET BEND

The sheet bend is the most important knot for joining two rope ends and is especially useful when the ropes are of unequal size. A permanent loop-tied, seized or spliced - can be substituted for the right hand portion of the knot.



A loop is first formed with the thicker rope, the thinner is then threaded through this loop, Fig. A, passed right around the end and standing part of the thicker rope B, tucked under as in C and tightened by pulling on the standing part of the thin rope D.

You can see how the thin rope jams against the loop of the thick rope to prevent it from slipping.