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Overhand Knot Booklet

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Overhand Knot

Basic Grouping

What do I feel is the basic grouping of knots needed for most knotting situations? You’ll need:

1) a knot (a stopper knot)
   1) Overhand Knot,
   2) Oysterman’s Stopper Knot.

2) to be able to join two ropes together (a bend)
   1) Fisherman’s Bend,
   2) Water knot.

3) to tie onto something (a hitch)
   1) French Pulley,
   2) Guy Line Hitch.

4) a fixed loop (a loop knot)
   1) Englishman’s Loop,
   2) Overhand Loop.

5) a loop that constricts (a noose).
   1) Farmer’s Hitch.

Combining these five groupings into various combinations will solve most knotting problems you have.
The Overhand knot can be used by itself as a Stopper knot, but it is usually too small to be used alone. Starting with the Overhand knot, you can make one more tuck of the end and make a good Stopper knot. I’m showing the Oysterman’s Stopper knot here.

**Step 1:** To make the Oysterman’s Stopper knot make a loop in one end of the cord. Then tie an Overhand knot over the standing part of the cord.

**Step 2:** The next step is to bring the end of the line up through the loop.

**Step 3:** After bringing the end through the loop on the end, tighten up the knot. This will form a bulkier knot that can be used as a stopper knot.

Stopper knots are used at the end of a cord to keep it from being pulled through a block or to keep the line from being pulled through a knot.
The second hitch is the **Guy Line hitch**. To tie this hitch you reverse the order of the Overhand knots from the French Pulley.

**Step 1:** The first Overhand is tied loosely in the line going to the stake. The line is looped around the stake / anchor point and brought back through the Overhand knot.

**Step 2:** After threading the end of the line back through the Overhand knot, tie another Overhand knot over the line going to the stake.

Tighten knots and lines to finish the **Guy Line hitch**.