

surgeon's knot

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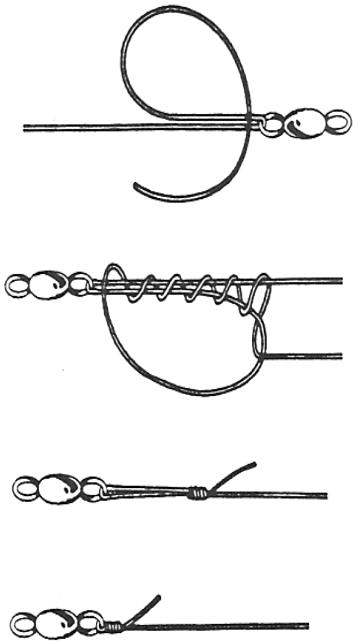
This reliable knot is best used for tying heavy monofilament leader or shock line to a monofilament or braided dacron line. To tie, lay the line and leader parallel, overlapping 6" to 8". Treating the two lines like a single line, tie an overhand knot, pulling the entire leader through the loop.

Leaving the loop of the overhand open, pull both the tag end of the line and the leader through again. Hold both lines and both ends to pull the knot tight. Clip the ends close to avoid foul-up in the rod guides.

UNI-KNOT SYSTEM

While there is no perfect knot for every fishing situation, Vic Dunaway's Uni-Knot System is designed as a basic knot that can be varied to meet most fishermen's needs. The knot can be used to tie line to hooks, lures, swivels and snaps, line to leader, line to line, and line to spool. It is described as a 100 per cent knot, which means on a steady pull the line will break before the knot gives way.

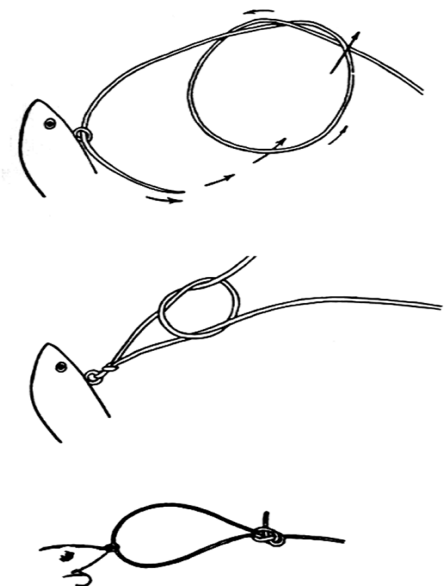
When tying hooks, swivels or lures to the line, run at least 6 inches of line through the eye of the hook and fold it to make two parallel lines. Bring the end of the line back in a circle toward the eye. Make six turns with the tag end around the double line and through the circle. Hold the double line at a point where it passes through the eye and pull the tag end slowly to snug the turns. Pull the standing line to slide the knot against the eye. Continue pulling until the knot is tight. Trim the tag end flush with the closest coil of the knot.



uni knot

Creating a loop knot for a lure

Tie the same knot to a point where turns are snug around the standing line. Slide the knot toward the eye until the desired loop size is reached. Pull the tag end with a pliers to maximum tightness. This feature of the knot gives a lure or hook a natural free movement in the water. When a fish is hooked, the knot will slide tight against the eye.



loop knot

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