

Why would I use these knots?

1. Reef

Used to tie the end of a sling if someone hurts their arm.
It is used to tie string round parcels.

The reef knot lies flat unlike the other knots.
It should never be used under load because it comes loose easily.

2. Bowline

Used to make a fixed loop in the end of a rope, for belaying or rescue.

3. Figure of Eight

Used as a stopper knot at the end of the rope to stop it slipping through a pulley.
You will use the double figure of eight to attach yourself to a rope for climbing.

4. Clove Hitch

Used to start a lashing or attach a rope to a pole under constant strain, like a lantern tied from the top of your tent.

5. Round turn and two half hitches

Used to fasten a rope to a pole under constant strain, for example tying rope to a tree to make a tree swing.

6. Sheet bend

Used to join ropes of different thicknesses, for example a bit of string to your necktie.

7. Sheep shank

Used to temporarily shorten a rope or strengthen rope in a weak part.