Mason's Knot

The mason's knot is suitable for attaching to trees or for hauling beams and logs with a rope. It is a tapered loop and holds only under tension. The knot is also called a carpenter's knot.

Instructions

Pass the rope once around the tree (possibly attach a tree protection before!).

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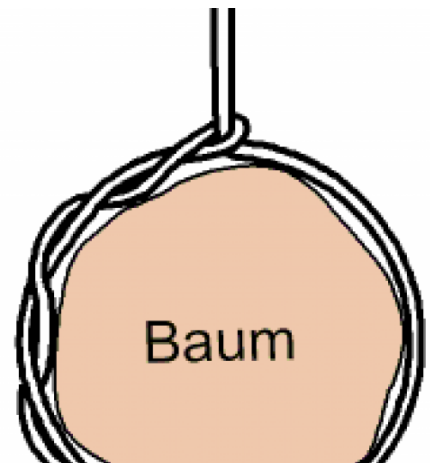Form a loop around the rope, make sure that the loop is not "under tension".

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Wrap the end of the rope in the opposite direction than in step 1 around the rope. You must wrap **more than half of the tree**. At the end you should leave at least 20cm of rope in front and secure the end with a normal knot ("Grossmüeti").

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The hauling rope should run as straight as possible out of the knot, otherwise the knot can slip and thus lose tension.

Images

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