

Gossamer Gear Presents:

Fun with Rope

1. Figure Eight Knot



Some hikers use this knot at the stake end of their tarp line. It involves creating a loop that is secured by a knot, which can easily be loosened and undone.

Fold the line in half allowing sufficient length to complete the knot. You may need to alter the length as you work through the knot.



Create a small loop using the double line so that the “looped” end is on top.



Take the “looped” end of the line and fold it underneath



Bring the “looped” end back overtop of this second loop you have created and feed the “looped” end through the opening.



Pull tight on the “loop” to complete the knot. Place your stake through the loop to pitch your tarp.

2. Clove Hitch



Start by bringing the free end of your line past the pole tip



Next, make an underhand loop....



...and pass it over the pole tip.



Once the first underhand loop, make a second underhand loop and slip it over the pole tip, like you did with the first one.



Pull the knot snug. Congratulations! Your knot is complete



This knot is often used along the pole shaft where you have added a duct tape-stopper. It will secure you line to the pole at any distance away from the shelter you like.

3. The Bowline



Start by Making an overhand loop in your line.



Next, feed the free end through the loop from underneath it.



Once you are through the loop, run the free end under the working end of the line, per the photo.



After the free end has been passed under the working end, take the free end back through the original loop from the top, per the photo.



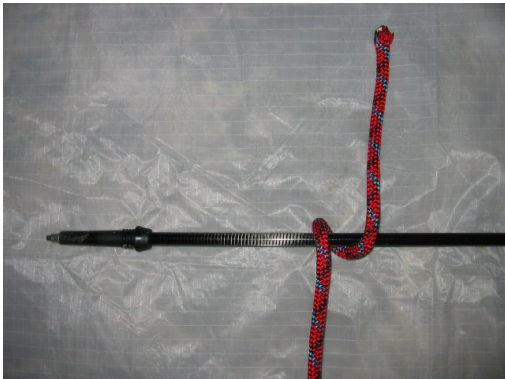
Finally, with sufficient free end fed through the original loop, pull tight on the working end of the line and secure the knot. You have just completed a bowline. These knots have many uses – we recommend them for the pullout end and stake end of our guylines,

4. Taut Line Hitch



A taut line hitch is normally wrapped around a line. It's purpose is to slide up a guy line to make it taut (hence the name).

We show it her around a hiking pole for demonstration purposes only. On your tarp the guyline would come away from the tarp wall and form a loop (where the stake will go). Begin the knot by sliding the free end underneath the working end (that comes from the tarp).



Make a loop over top on the side closest to the tarp wall.



Then make another loop.



Once the second loop is complete, bring the free end away from the tarp....



...and loop it underneath.



Then bring the free end back over the line and through the loop you have just created. Tighten the knot and you can now slide this knot toward or away from the tarp to tighten the pitch to suit our needs.