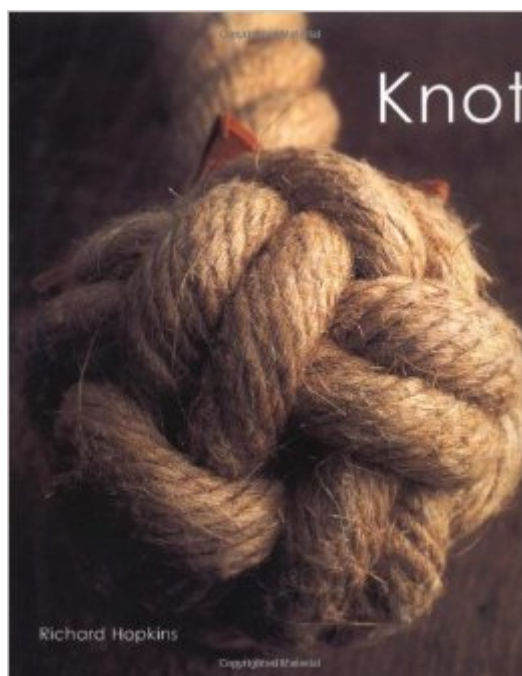


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# Knots (Pocket Guide Series)



## Synopsis

Today knots are still needed in everyday life, from tying up parcels to hitching a horse. If you're a camper, climber, fisher, or sailor this book is for you. Featuring step-by-step guides to over 100 knots, each illustrated with specially commissioned illustrations, it teaches the novice the basics and the more experienced some knots they might be unfamiliar with. Covered are stopper knots, binding knots, bends, hitches, loops, plaits and splices. Following a short historical introduction, a section looks at specialist equipment that might be needed and gives a glossary of terms. Basic techniques are then discussed before the main body of the book. Here, after a section that looks at general knots that can be used for a wide variety of purposes, the remainder of the book is broken down by activity - fishing, sailing, climbing, and camping and shows with color illustrations, with pointers and caption text how best to tie each one.

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## Customer Reviews

Pg. 116 - Jug or Bottle Sling Instructions are to "...take the bottom of the front loop and weave it through the crossings of the other two side loops." However the illustration shows the line passing under, not over the second crossing. This coupled with poorly worded directions in general made it very difficult to accurately recreate this knot. After several attempts however I was able to discern exactly what the author was defining as "Loop A" and "Loop B" in spite of the poorly labeled diagram. In general this is a great book, but errors like this should have been rectified by a proof

reading and the diagrams on some of the more complex knots could be better labeled. Placing an "A" at the top of a picture with no arrow to discern which loop is being referenced and labels nowhere near the intended loop they are meant to describe make for frustrating attempts the first few times you are trying to learn a new knot. Still, I would recommend this book as a reference. For the most part it is well done. I would have ranked it higher but the mistakes in the diagrams lead me to give this a 3/5. Hopefully they revise the drawings in later editions to save other folks some frustration when learning the jug sling.

I've looked at a lot of knot books from people like Ashley, Budworth, and Pawson. This is easily one of the best! It's very user-friendly, with clear instructions and good drawings. Most of the knots are practical so it isn't cluttered with esoteric fancy knots that do nothing. My only caveat is a bit more could be said about pros and cons of various knots.

This is a great reference for anyone doing beginner to intermediate knot tying in a wide range of fields. I bought it for nautical reference and teaching on a training vessel, but it covers climbing and other fields with equal aplomb. It's not a comprehensive reference, but it's VERY thorough for any practical use, and it covers some background, tools and theory as well. Great book. Small size (meaning small print... but easy to take with you). Very clean and clear images. Well worth adding to your library.

First of all, for the most part this book is pretty good. There are a couple things I do not like though. First off, this book would be much better as a soft-cover rather than hard cover. It is a pain in the neck trying to keep the book open to the right page while you are trying to practice tying a knot b/c the hardcover book wants to close. I ended up having to put weights on each side of the book. Also, some of the complex knots need a lot more detailed pictures and instructions if you are going to have any chance of tying them. It also would be nice to have more pluses/minuses for each knot.

I have spent quite a bit of time with this little book over the last three weeks, and the more time I spend with it, the more I like it. This is really beautiful technology. Each of the following three knots/methods would alone have been worth the price of the book to me: Bowline 2 on page 62, Alpine butterfly method 2 on page 61, and icicle hitch on page 114. None of the knot books has it all. You benefit a lot from having several (and that solves the problem when any errors have crept into illustrations). This one added a lot to my library. While I am praising knot books I would also

particularly recommend the methods for tying the constrictor and double constrictor knots on the bight shown in Brian Toss, *The Complete Rigger's Apprentice*, pages 10-13, and the method for tying a loop on a bight illustrated in Nigel Calder's *Cruising Handbook*, page 444-445. The latter is similar to the Alpine butterfly method 2, but creates a different knot (Calder shows this loop being used a part of a trucker's hitch).

I purchased this book mostly for the common knots that might be available for everyday usage. I was impressed with how many complex knots are contained in the book. Since I'm not an expert at knot tying like maybe the boy scouts or fishermen, I found some of the instructional pictures a little hard to follow. That is probably my fault and not the fault of the author.

I have wanted the Stanley book since I was about 8 - when I first saw it on my local library shelf. I have mentioned it many times, but have never received it for Christmas, or my birthday. ("You're so difficult to buy for," excuse the poor English). Now that my grandson is starting to sail, I went ahead and bought this one, so we could practice and talk about his new hobby. It is great. Clear understandable pictures with good descriptions (so far) I would recommend this to adults, as well as children who are 7? and older. Really fun and useful book for all.~S

I am "knot" kidding- there are ways to twist, tie, loop and bend rope that will keep you tied up for days. Who knew? This little book is so comprehensive. There are chapters on knots for every application- fishing, camping, sailing, and much more. Hopkins includes historical tidbits about the knots and their origins. The illustrations on tying each type of knot are easy to follow. Included are lessons on types of rope and when to use them. It is a hardcover and is a real book, not a pamphlet. This book is a gem- highly recommended.

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