

How to Tie a Turk's Head Neckerchief Slide

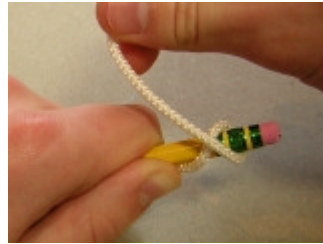
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Materials:

- Approximately 6 ft of nylon rope (preferably a bright snazzy color)
- A pen or pencil to help tie stopper knots. (optional)
- Scissors and a candle to trim and fuse the ends of the rope.



1. To begin, we will tie a stopper knot at one end of the rope. A pencil or pen is helpful with this. (Or you can tie it around a finger!)



2. Wrap the rope around the pencil to make an "X."



3. Continue wrapping the rope towards your hand about four or five times.

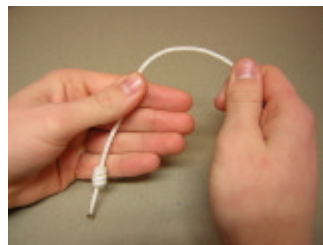


4. Slide the rope off the pencil/finger, and thread the short end of the rope back through its own loops.



5. Pull the ends slowly to tighten the knot. **You may need to nudge the knot as it tightens** to get it reasonably close to the

end of the rope.



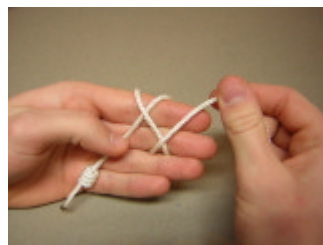
6. Now we will begin tying the Turk's Head. Hold the end with the stopper knot in your left hand, and the long end of the rope in your right

hand.

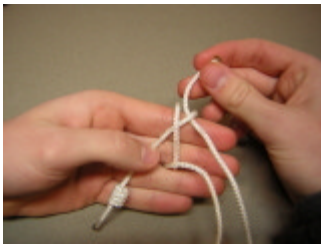


7. Wrap the long end of the rope around your top two fingers to form an "X." (You can use three fingers if your hands are

smaller.)



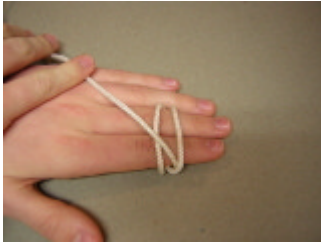
8. Bring the long end of the rope (which we'll refer to as the "working end") back around to the front of your hand.



9. Take the working end over the first string (the bottom right of the "X") and under the second string (the top right of the "X.")



10. Pull the rope through.



11. Now, flip your hand over (palm down) and lay the working end on your left.



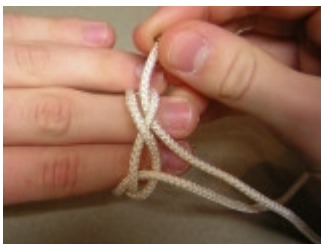
12. Ignore the working end of the rope for a moment. Instead, twist the wrap on the left over the wrap on the right so that the wraps overlap in a () shape.



13. Now, pick up the working end of the rope again and slide it under the first string and over the second string.



14. Pull the rope through.



15. Take the rope under the string located near the top right corner of your hand.



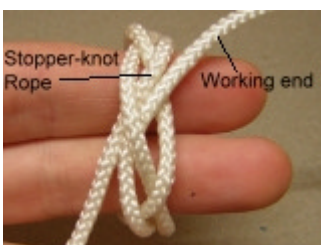
16. Pull the rope through.



17. Now flip your hand over again to return it to its original position.

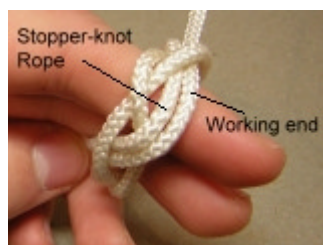


18. Notice where the stopper-knot end of the rope goes under its first string. Take the working end of the rope under that same string.

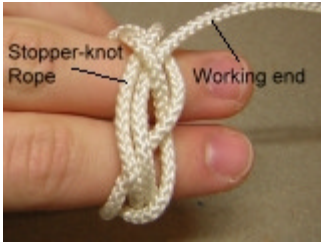


19. Pull the rope through. The long end of the rope should be parallel with the stopper-knot end, and the two ends should not cross. The Turk's Head is now one-third done.

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20. See where the stopper-knot rope goes and follow it with the working end, making sure the two ropes lay side by side.



21. You can probably take the Turk's Head off your fingers at this point. Continue "following" the path of the stopper-knot rope, keeping the working end to the right of the original rope.



22. Once you have followed the rope past the starting point three times, all the paths should be two ropes wide. You are now two-thirds done. Continue "following the rope" until all the paths are three ropes wide.



23. When you reach the starting point again and all the paths are three ropes wide, you are done tying the Turk's Head. Now, we will try to end the knot so it looks nice.



24. Thread the rope from the inside of the neckerchief slide through to the outside. Look at pictures twenty-four and twenty-five for guidance.



25. The almost-finished neckerchief slide should look like this.



26. Finish the neckerchief slide by tying a stopper knot at the end of the rope. You may need to nudge the knot as you tighten it, so that it will hang even with the first knot.



27. Trim any excess rope you have left and fuse the ends to prevent fraying. Congratulations! You've made quite a neckerchief slide!