

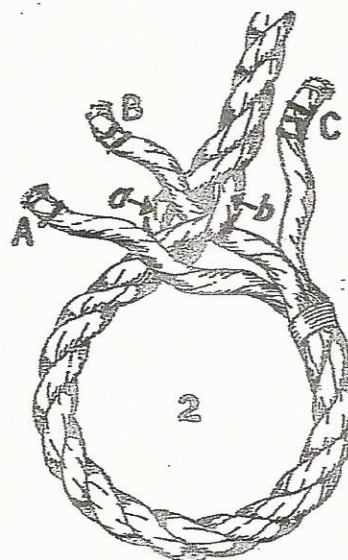
Looking at Step 2, B is now tucked under b, and is pulled snug to the seizing. In Step 3, A is tucked under a and pulled snug to the seizing.

## THE EYE SPICE

If you can do the first tuck properly, you will not have any difficulty with the remaining tucks. In manila line three tucks are sufficient to complete the Eye Splice. If you are using synthetic line, about five tucks will be required, particularly in nylon.

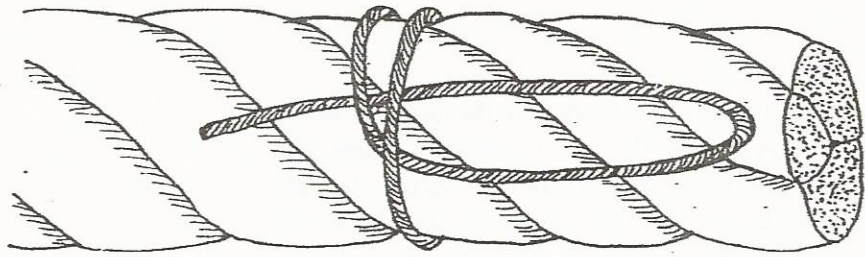
Examine step 1. Notice that a seizing has been affixed about six inches from the end. The three strands are then unlayed to the seizing and each strand in turn is whipped or wrapped with plastic tape. These strands are labeled A, B and C, being the left, center, and right strands respectively. Now, after determining how large an eye you need, grab the standing part and twist it, thereby opening up the strands. These are labeled a, b and c and are also the left, center and right strands respectively.

The procedure will be to tuck Strand B under b, A under a and C under c, in that order. Another way of expressing this is to tuck the center under the center, the left under the left and the right under the right, in that order.

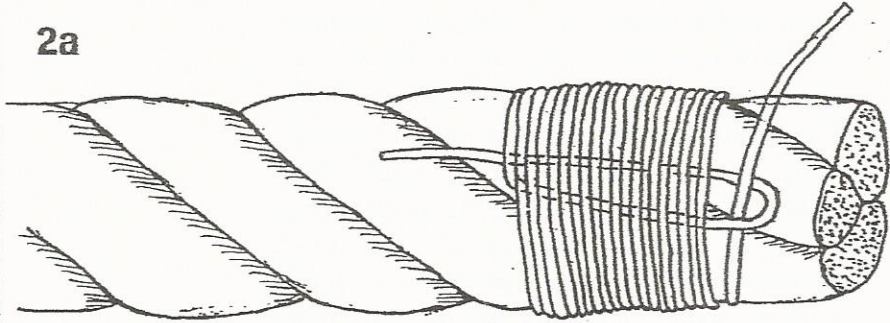


# WHIPPING

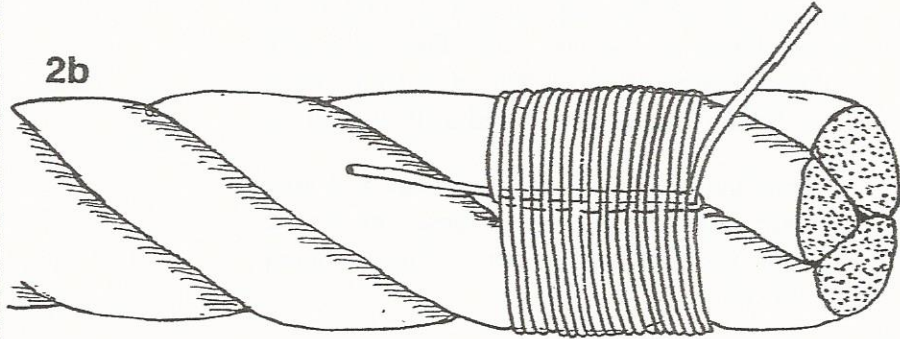
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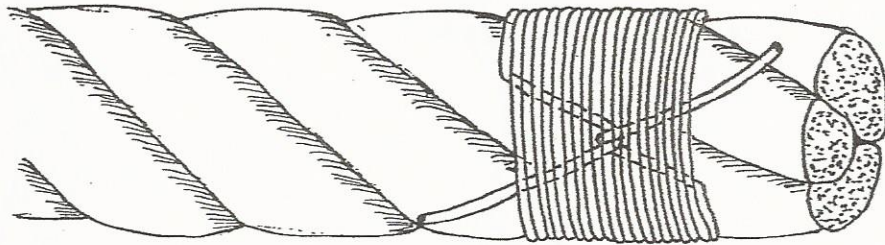
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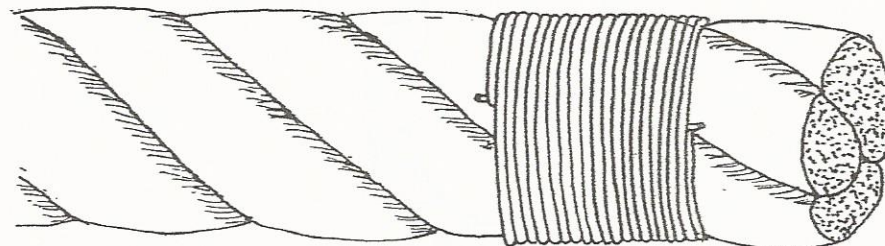
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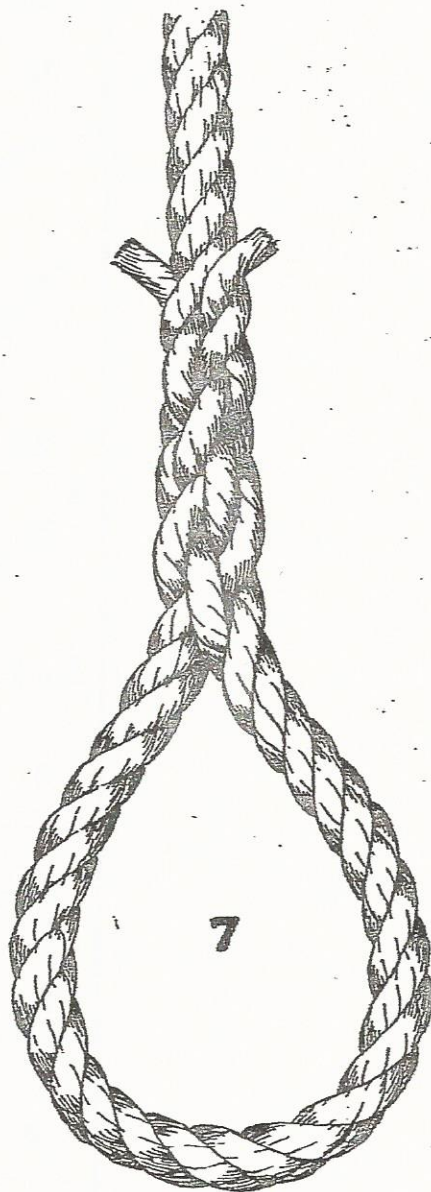
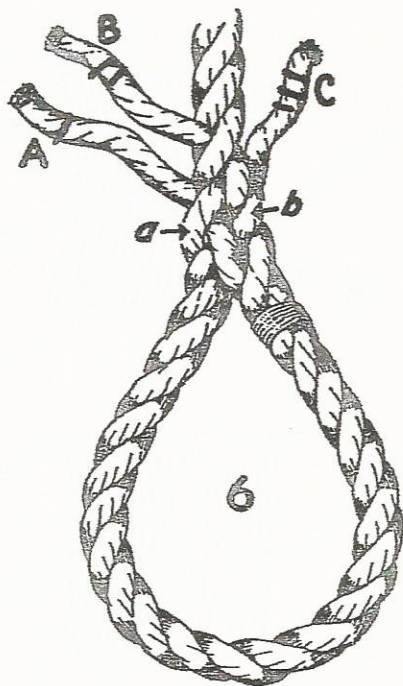
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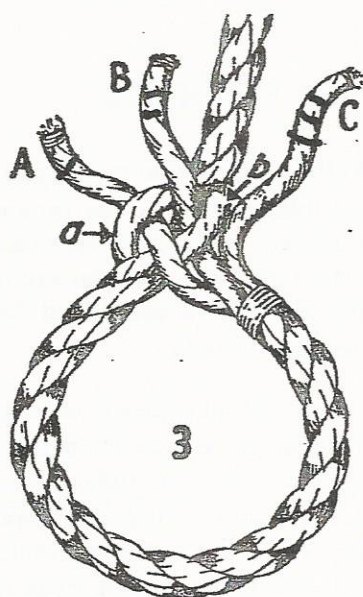




Step 6 is the beginning of the second tucks. Always tuck to the left. Each strand goes over one and under one to the left. After all three strands are so tucked, again each strand in the standing part will lie between 2 strands of the working end. Again, pull snug and start the third series. Over one and under one until all 3 working strands have been tucked. If your line is manila, you can cut off the ends of the working strands leaving about  $\frac{3}{8}$ " sticking out. Then a seizing to finish it off. By rolling the splice underfoot, the finished product will look more symmetrical. If you're working nylon, continue on for two more tucks. Cut off, leaving about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " ends and apply flame to the cut ends. The ends will melt and fuse. Then a little seizing and your Eye Splice is complete, as shown in step 7.

Your hardest part will be at steps 2, 3 and 4. Once you have mastered these, the rest is simply over one and under one and always to the left.





For Step 4, turn the partially completed eye over and tuck C under c. By checking you will find that there is only one strand in the standing part under which no tuck has been made. After C is so tucked, pull it snug to the seizing. If you are correct you will find each strand of the standing part between 2 strands of the working end.

