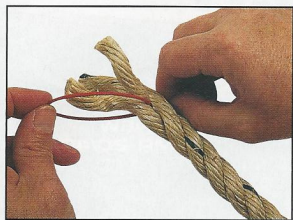
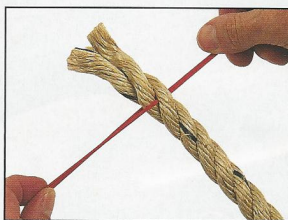


ROPEWORK: Sailmakers'

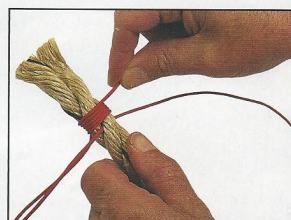
Also known as British Admiralty Whipping. Use it as a simple, quick and secure way to whip the end of a laid line. Use waxed twine as its stiffness means it can be pushed through the line.



1 Unlay the strands of a laid line for about one and a half turns. Double a length of whipping twine to form a bight or loop. Place this bight over one of the strands of line, trapping it, then pass its ends between the two remaining strands.



2 The bight should stand proud of the strand for a length of at least 2d (2 x rope's diameter). Twist and relay the strands back together.



3 Using the working end, make turns around the line, with the lay, all the way to the end. Be careful not to trap the bight. The length of the whipped turns should be 1.5d.



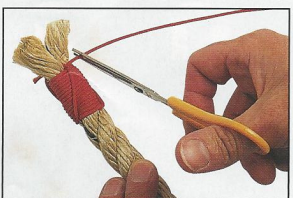
5 Pull the bight up so that it follows the diagonal twist (cant line) of the strand it traps. Pass the bight over the end of the strand to the inside of the laid line.



6 Pull on the lower end of the bight until the twine fits snugly around the top end of the strand and lies well down into the whipped line.



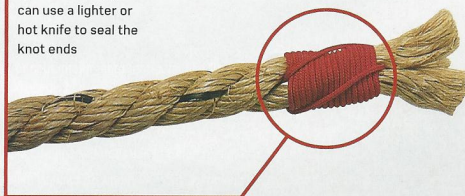
7 Lay the lower part of the twine up along the cant line of the remaining strand and pass it onto the centre of the three strands.



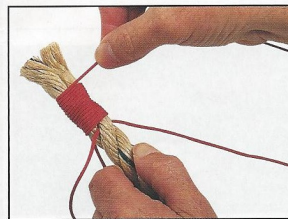
9 Trim away the ends of the twine close against the end of the whipped line, so that they cannot be seen.

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If you are whipping a synthetic fibre, you can use a lighter or hot knife to seal the knot ends.



whipping



4 Continue making tight turns around the base line, until your twine reaches a point that is 1d from the end of the strands.

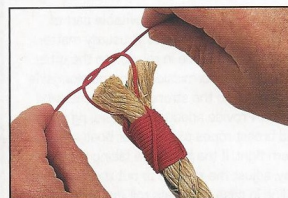
TOOLS



Whipping twine



Hot knife



8 Take the other end of the twine and also cross it into the centre of the strands. Tie the two ends together in a reef knot, so that the knot lies snugly between the strands. Pull it tight.

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