

How to Tie the Basic Fisherman's Knot (Clinch Knot)

Knowing how to tie a knot is an important skill to have when it comes to fishing. The basic fisherman's knot is very simple to use and will work for any angler 90 percent of the time!

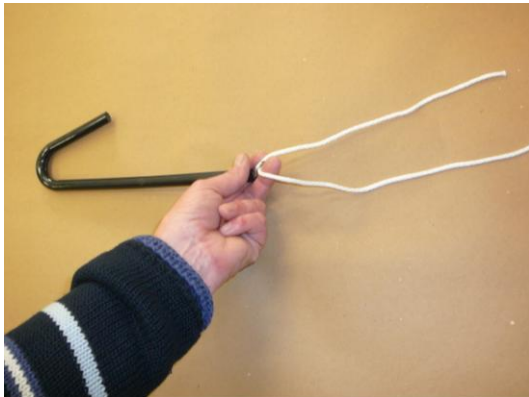
Whether you're taking the family out on a pier or dock to fish for bass or bluegill, or going out to one of Michigan's many rivers and streams to fish for trout or salmon, it won't let you down.

For visual purposes the images below show the knot being tied on an oversized hook and black line. Please note the instructions below are given from a right-handed perspective.

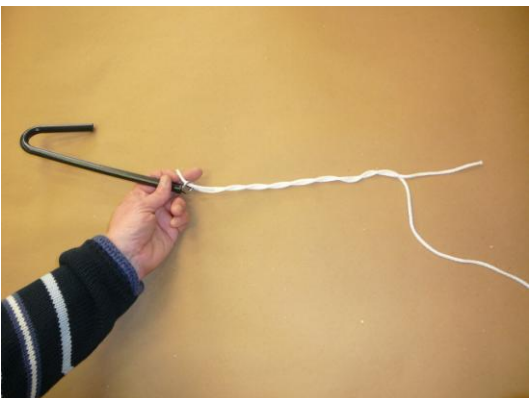
Step 1: Put your line through the eye of the hook.



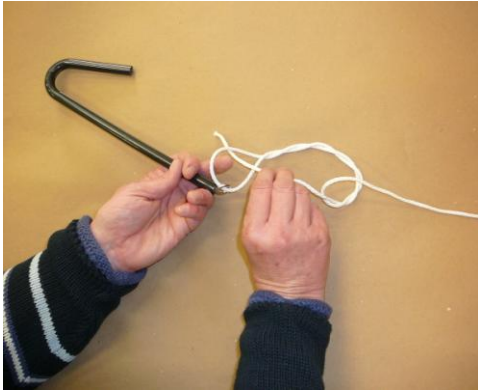
Step 2: Use your left finger(s) to hold a loop in the line. The loop will be used in upcoming steps.



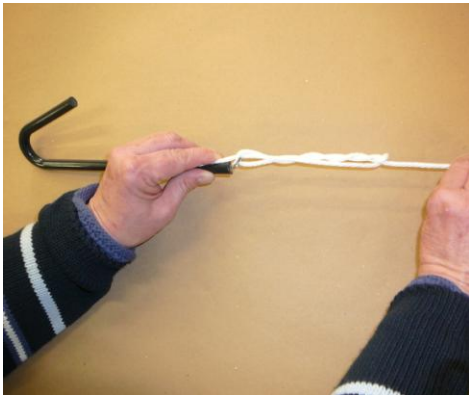
Step 3: Wrap the line around itself five times with your right hand.



Step 4: Take the end that's in your right hand and put it through the loop you've created with your left hand.



Step 5: Hold on to the end of the line and the hook with your left hand, gently pull the line running towards the pole with your right.



Now you have the perfect fisherman's knot!



Once this knot has been tied, all that's left to do is to take a pair of nail clippers and clip off the excess line.



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