

Common Forest School Knots

Timber Hitch : <http://www.animatedknots.com/timber/>

Mr. Tall and Mr. Small are going for a walk. Mr. Small is feeling cheeky so he trips Mr. Tall and then he runs away. Mr. Tall cannot see who tripped him so he gets up and just takes his dog for a walk.

Clove Hitch: http://www.netknots.com/rope_knots/clove-hitch/

Story: You're going for a ride on your motorcycle! Hold the rope in front of you like your handlebars. You rev once (turn the rope toward you with one hand) and the rope makes a loop. You rev a second time. The second loop goes behind the first and you slip a piece of wood through the loop.

This is used for making Log Dogs and other knots around a branch.

Taut Line Hitch: http://www.netknots.com/rope_knots/tautline-hitch/

Story: Four friends go for a walk in the forest. (Make a backwards 4 with the rope). They get so excited they run around a tree three times! (Turn one side of the rope around the left side of the 4). Then one gets tired, so he goes home, gets under the covers, and goes to bed. (Take the end that just turned around and put it under the other side of the rope. Pull.)

This is used for tying items to trees and then tightening them later, since it moves and pulls tight. It's good for tarps!

Half Hitch: http://www.netknots.com/rope_knots/half-hitch/

Figure Eight Knot: <http://www.animatedknots.com/fig8/>