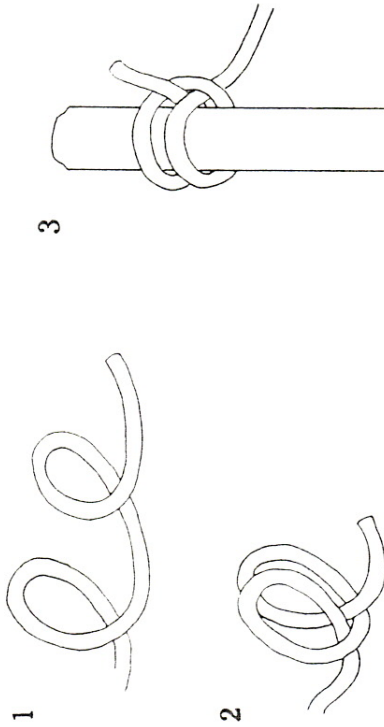


Clove Hitch

Use a clove hitch:

- when raising a flag up a flagpole, to join the toggle on the flag to the halyard (rope) on the flagpole
- to tie a rope to something when there is no moving object on the other end. It can be used to tie a clothesline to a pole, but *not* to tie up a boat or an animal.



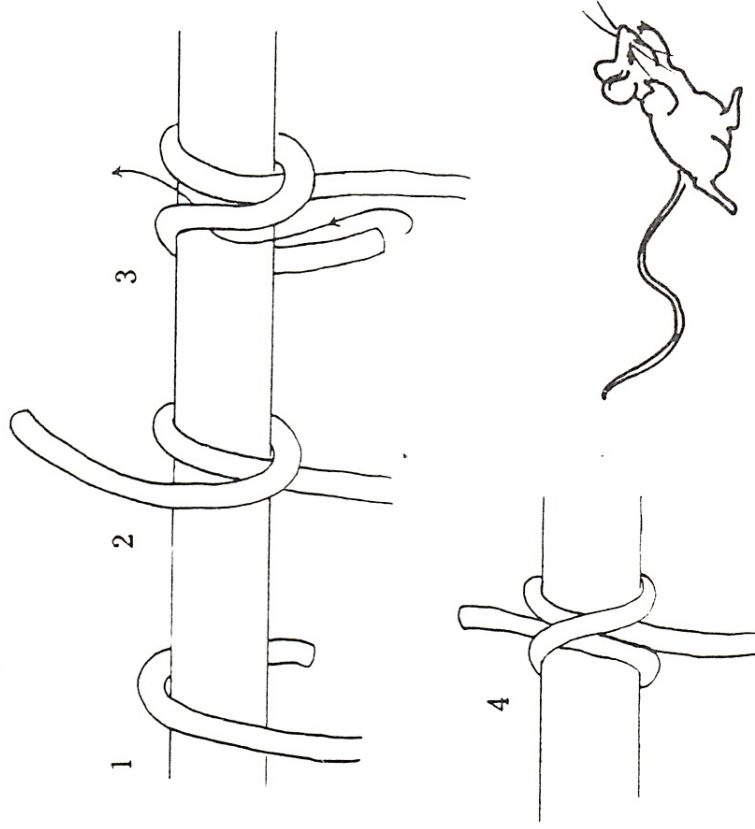
There are two ways to tie a clove hitch.

Quick Method: use if you can drop the hitch over the object, such as a post or the toggle on a flag.

1. Make two overhand loops like this.
2. Place the second behind the first.
3. Slip both loops close together over the post or toggle.
4. Pull to tighten.

Second Method:

1. Pass the end of the rope right around the post.
2. Cross the rope over itself and around the post again.
3. Tuck the end under the loop you just made.
4. Pull to tighten.



How did the clove hitch get its name? If something is cloven it has two parts, like the two overhand loops of this hitch.