



The Dragonfly Knot



It can be an interesting camp craft for idle time to keep young hands busy. The exact amount of material required depends of course on the material used but you can start with about 2 feet if you are using common twine. Rule of thumb is more length for larger material and less for smaller material. Too much is always better than too little in th

1. Double the cord to provide two equal length "legs".

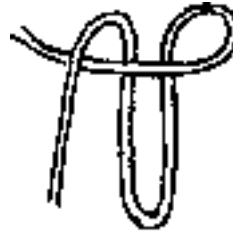


2. Let the ends fall as shown leaving the center bight to the length of the dragon fly that you are making. This will be the length of the body.

You may chose to add beads at the top of the "M" to form eyes for your creation.



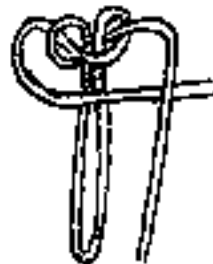
3. Bring right leg over and under as shown.



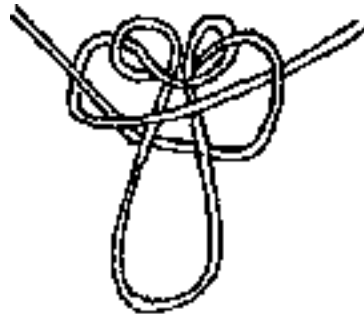
4. Bring left leg behind the body bight and through the loop as shown.



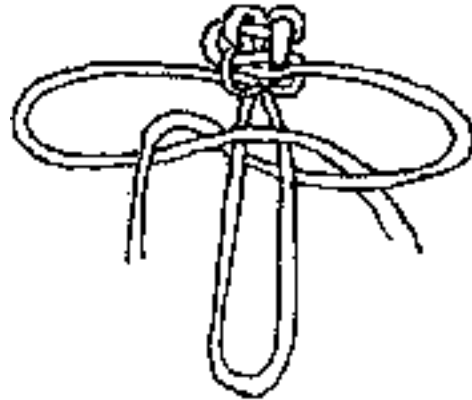
5. This repeats step 3 in the reverse direction



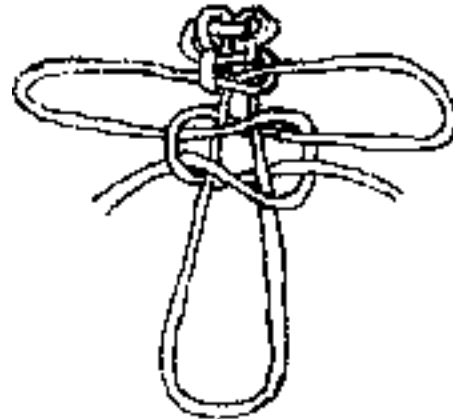
6. This repeats step 4 in the reverse direction. A complete square knot is formed. You may chose to do one or two complete square knots to form the head of the dragonfly.



7. The first wing pair is formed as in step three. Allow enough length to produce a proper wing to body proportion.



8. Complete the square knot as in step 4. Take care in tightening the knot to allow the wing lengths to stay equal. Tighten carefully and slide the knot up the body loop to the desired position.



9. Add a second wing set as in step 7 and step 8.

Tighten the second wing set and move to position. The body is then completed by square knotting as in steps 3 through 6 above down the length of the body loop.

Tighten carefully as you go. Ending can be completed by trimming loose ends and applying a dot of glue to secure.

