

Whipping a Rope!



Make a loop and put it by the end of the rope

Starting at the bottom, wind the twine tightly around the rope.

The whipping should be at **least as long as the rope is thick**. Put the twine through the loop.

Pull the twine on the other end. The top loop disappears.

The illustrations above use a large rope and white paracord for twine, so you can see how to whip a rope. Twine would be used in real life, but it doesn't show up as well as white paracord in the pictures.

This rope is frayed at the end. The rope would be cut off evenly $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the completed whipped rope.

The pieces of twine coming out of the whipping should be trimmed off close to the whipping.

The usual problem with a whipped end of a rope is having the whipping loosen or fall off. This usually happens because:

- The twine was not wound on tightly enough. It has to be tight!
- One of the ends of the twine came loose. After you have pulled the bottom end into the whipping, there should be a bump in the center of the whipping. That's where you've pulled the top loop.
- You used plastic rope instead of natural fiber rope. Plastic rope or twine is slippery and works poorly for whipping a rope. Plastic rope should be fused in a flame so its ends melt together.
- The whipping was too close to the end of the rope and pulled off.
- The whipping was not long enough and pulled off.