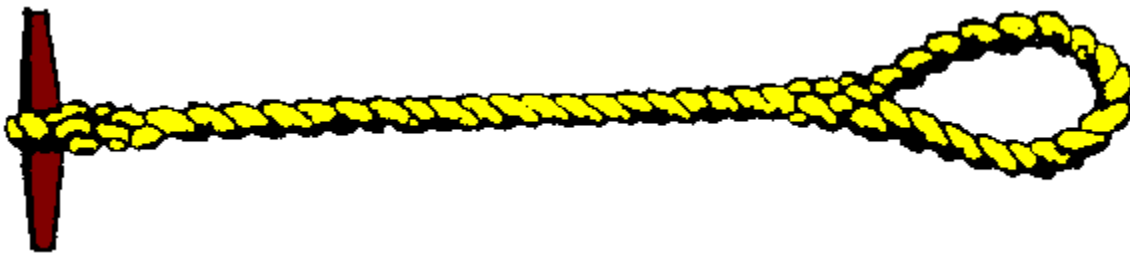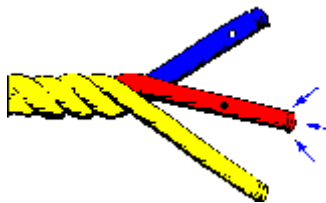# The Commando Rope

The Toggle Rope

The toggle rope came into prominence in World War II with Commandos who often in the course of duty had to scale walls, climb cliffs, cross ravines. Instead of carrying long, bulky ropes, each Commando had a 6-foot length of 1/2 inch rope, with an eye-splice in one end and a toggle in the other, secured with an eye-splice. The open eye splice was just large enough to allow the toggle to fit through and be held firmly. The Commandos carried these ropes around their waists. To make a long rope, several toggle ropes were simply interlocked.
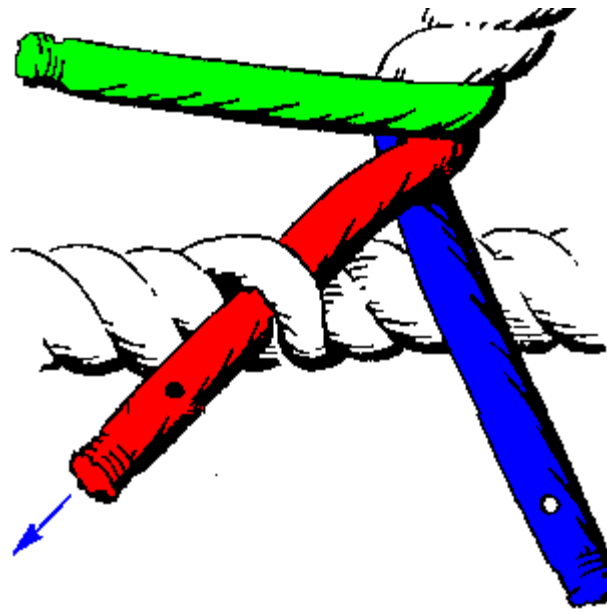
Step 1

Unlay the line; however you should excercise care to preserve the strands. The middle (red) strand facing you always tucks first.
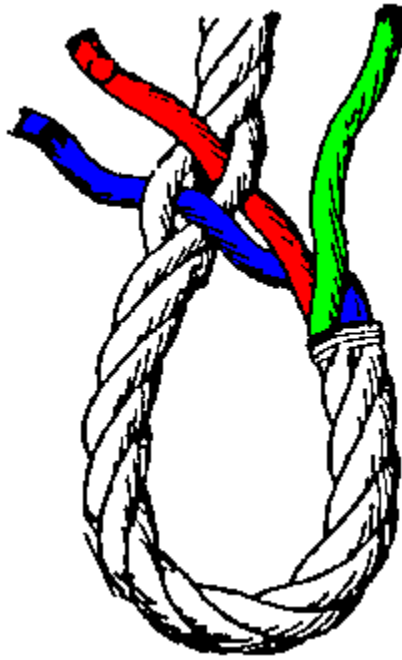
Step 2

Tuck like so...

The second (blue) strand is next

Step 3

Tuck the second (blue) strand...

...and turn the work over.

Step 4

Once turned, there is only one (green) strand left, ready to be tucked...

Step 4

Repeat, by continuing to tuck the strands in order (i.e., red, blue, green)...

...until the splice is completed.

Step 5

The other end of the rope is spliced around a grooved toggle. You'll find the Commando Rope to be a versatile camping tool. I frequently use mine to elevate and suspend my backback on tree trunks.

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