

Three Useful Knots to Know



A common misconception is that you need to know lots of different knots to go fishing. The truth is, a few reliable, well-tied knots will cover you in most situations.

Improved clinch knot

A simple and reliable knot that's ideal for tying on lures, flies, hooks and sinkers. It's quick to tie and should be the first knot every angler learns.



1. Thread & wrap

Pass the line through the eye, then wrap the tag end around the main line five to seven times.



2. Loop & tighten

Pass the tag end through the first loop, then through the larger loop created. Pull snug.

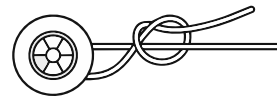


3. Cinch & trim

Moisten the knot, pull tight, and trim the excess tag end.

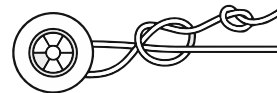
Arbor knot

The standard knot for attaching fishing line to the spool of a reel when loading on new line. It's quick, secure and easy to tie. You won't need to tie this knot too often.



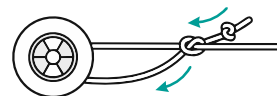
1. Thread & wrap

Wrap the line tightly around the reel's central spool shaft.



2. Stopper knot

Tie a second overhand knot with the tag end.



3. Tighten

Moisten the knots and pull snug.



4. Slide & tighten

Sliding both knots down to the spool.

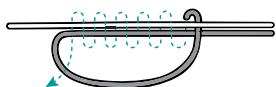


5. Trim

Cut off the excess tag end, leaving a few cm.

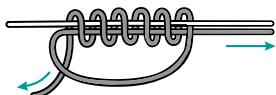
Double uni knot

Probably the easiest and most reliable knot for joining monofilament or fluorocarbon leaders to braided line. If you are planning on giving soft-bait fishing a go, this is a useful knot to get familiar with.



1. First loop

Place the two lines side by side and create a loop with the bottom line. Leave a few cm of tag end extending from the loop.



2. Wrap

Pass the tag end through the loop and wrap it around both lines at least six times.



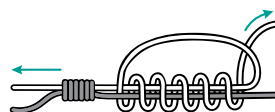
3. Tighten

Pull the tag end to tighten the wraps and form the first knot. Check that the wraps are neat and secure, as shown in the diagram on the left.



4. Second loop

Using the top line, create a loop around the bottom line. Leave a few cm of tag end extending from the loop.



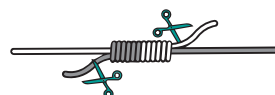
5. Wrap & tighten

Pass the tag end through the loop and wrap it around both lines at least six times. Pull the tag end to tighten and form the second knot.



6. Cinch the knots

Lightly wet both knots and the line between them. Hold the main lines and pull in opposite directions so the two knots slide together and tighten.



7. Trim the tags

Once the knots are firmly cinched together, trim the excess tag ends close to the finished knot.



8. Knot complete

Your Double Uni Knot is complete. The finished knot should look like the diagram on the left.