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Overview

For this task the Beavers will use their neckerchief to tie a parcel of sweets. You will scatter some sweets on a surface and each Beaver will pick a small selection. Because they are taking them home instead of using a little bag they are going to carry them tied in their neckerchief using a reef knot.

An optional bit of fun would be to have a piñata where the Beavers would bash to break open and run to collect their sweets. But unless you make your own you would have to buy one. Therefore it will depend on your budget. You can buy them quite cheap now but check the size before you do because if you have a large group you need enough room inside to pack enough sweets.

Preparation Before The Meeting

1. Gather materials *see below*
2. Print out the 'Tying a Reef Knot (Square Knot)' handout – found in this document – you need one to share between two children and there are 3 copies on the page (have some spare for the leaders)
3. As a leader be proficient in tying a reef knot. If this is your first time learning this knot here are links to a couple of good videos that will guide you...

http://www.netknots.com/rope_knots/square-knot

<http://www.animatedknots.com/reef/>

Materials Needed for Each Beaver

- A selection of small sweets (if you have dietary issues use marbles or some other small objects that they will use to wrap in their necker)
- A neckerchief or small piece of cloth (you may need to have some spare in case a Beaver forgets their necker)
- 2 x pieces of thin rope or cord - each piece should be the same length and long enough to tie around their parcel
- Optional
 - Pinata see my notes in the overview above.

Preparation At The Meeting

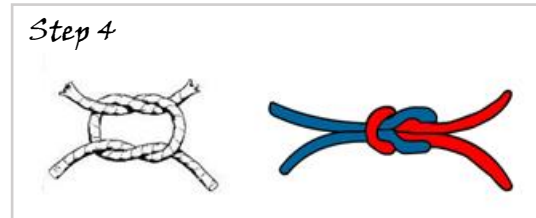
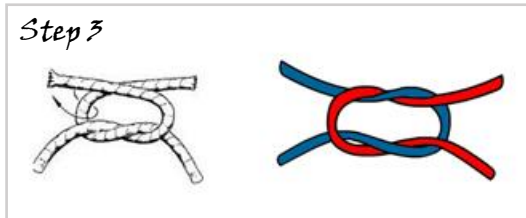
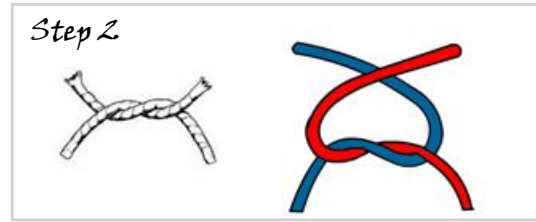
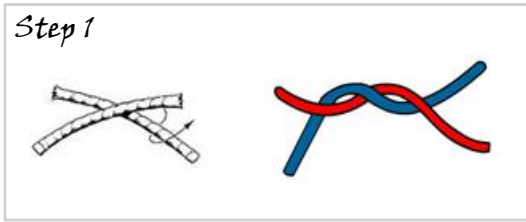
1. Hand out the instructions and cord to each team of two

Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** - The next task you need to complete for your 'Beavers Camp Craft' badge is to learn how to tie a 'Reef Knot'. This Knot is also known as a Square Knot it's quick and easy to tie. And it's good for tying two ends of a single line together to secure something, for example, a bundle of objects that are unlikely to move much, parcels or a triangular first-aid bandage. It isn't used to secure important structures.
2. **Speak** - Here's some instructions on how to tie a reef knot. In pairs, I want you to use the pictures to guide you in tying this knot. We will come around and help you. Once you've done this undo it and try it another couple of times
3. **Action** – Hand out the instructions to each pair

4. **Action** – Go around and individually help each pair to accurately tie this knot
5. **Direction** – Once all the Beavers have mastered the knot either...
 - a. Let them know they have to break a piñata and collect sweets but you don't have a bag for them so they have to wrap them in their neckerchief and use cord to secure their little parcel using a reef knot
 - b. Or simply spread the sweets on a table and ask them pick 3 or 4 sweets and tell them the same as a above.

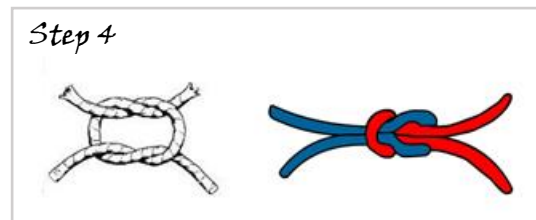
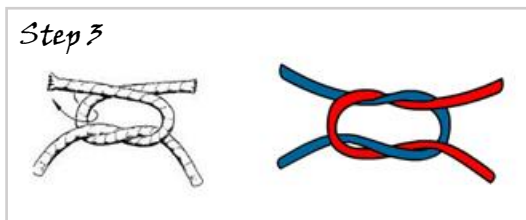
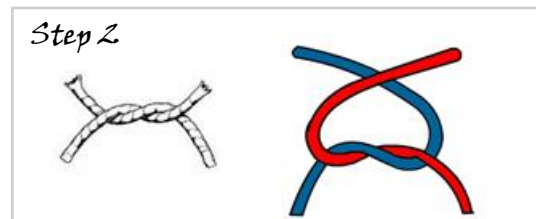
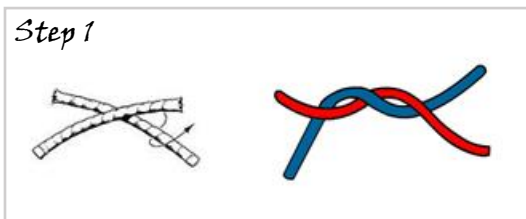
Tying a Reef Knot (Square Knot)



One way to remember this knot is: 'Left over right and under, right over left and under'

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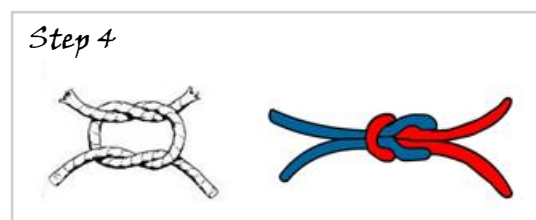
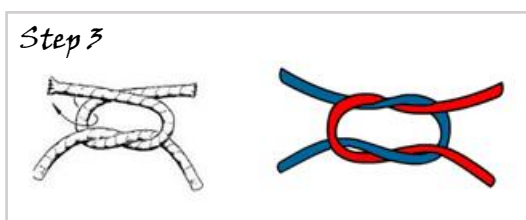
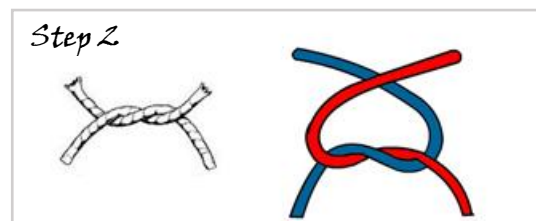
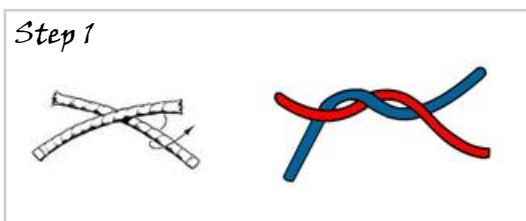
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