

The **Turk's Head** is a decorative knot that has many forms and variations. Ashley devotes an entire chapter to it, and lists over 130 variations and dozens of uses.

The example shown here is one of the simpler versions. Photos 1- 5 show how to form the basic knot. Once this is done, even it up until it is symmetrical. This completes the first pass as shown in Photo 6. If the standing end is then fed back alongside the end as shown in Photo 7, you will begin 'Doubling' the knot. Photo 8 shows the completed doubled knot. Feed the standing end back alongside the end once again, and you can 'triple' the knot.

Photo 9 shows an almost complete tripled Turk's Head. All that is left to do is to draw the line up tight and trim the ends of the line off. On our ship's wheel, I used this Turk's Head, quadrupled, to finish the coachwhipping

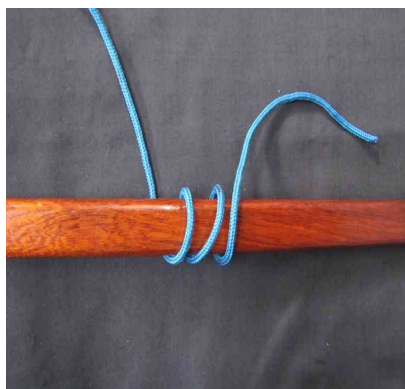


Photo 1



Photo 2

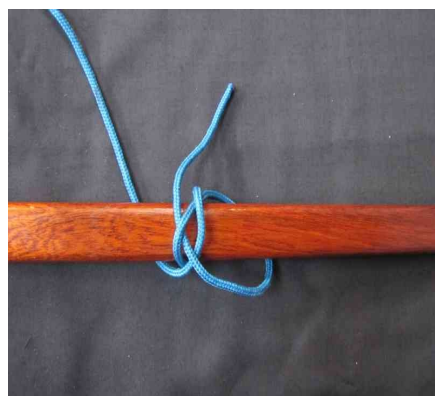


Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8

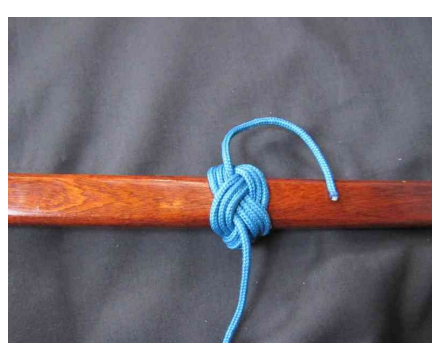


Photo 9