



# Skill-a-Thon

## Sport Fishing

### Knot the Hook

#### Supplies Needed

Fishing hooks (for safety please remove the barb on the hooks) and fishing line

*Source: National 4-H Sport fishing curriculum*

#### Situation

You have tried to reel in a big fish and he had broken your line and taken your hook. You need to tie another hook on your line so you can continue to fish.

#### Task

Tie the hook securely on the line

#### Directions

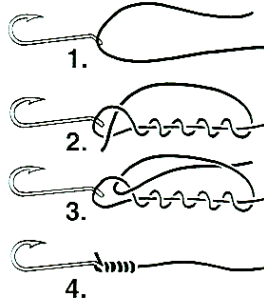
Choose one of the following knot patterns and tie the hook on the line so that it does not come off.



# Knots to Attach Snaps, Swivels, Lures, Flies, Sinkers and Hooks

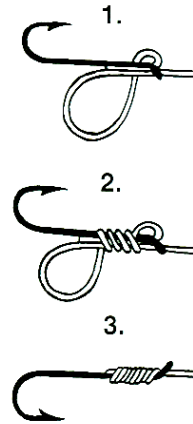
## Improved Clinch Knot

1. Pass the line through the hook or swivel eye once and pull it back towards the line.
2. Make five turns or "S" twists with the free end of the line around the main line.
3. Pass the end of the line between the eye and the first loop formed.
4. Bring the end through the large loop just formed and slowly pull tight while holding the free end by your thumb and forefinger.
5. After pulling tight, cut off any extra line coming out of the knot.



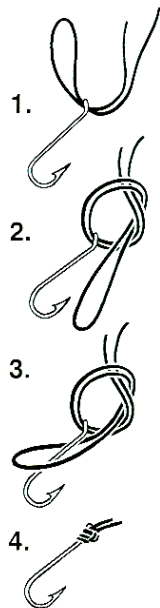
## Snell Knot

1. Pass the line through the eye, forming a loop, and pass it through the eye again in the opposite direction.
2. Take the part of the loop closest to the eye and wrap it over the shank seven or eight times.
3. With the long end of the line in your right hand and the wraps held in your left hand, slowly and steadily pull the starting line until the line is almost tight. Then grasp the tag end with your fingers or a pair of pliers and pull it and the standing line at the same time until the knot is tight.



## Palomar Knot

1. Make a loop and pass it through the eye.
2. Make a loose overhand knot with the double line.
3. Put the loop over the item (hook, lure, swivel).
4. Slowly pull tight both ends of the line.



## Turtle Knot

1. Pass the line through the eye and tie a single running knot at the end of the line, forming a loop.
2. Pass the fly or hook through the loop.
3. Pull the knot tight behind the eye.
4. Snip away extra line.

