

## Thoughts on how to teach knots.

- You need to be very familiar with the knot you are going to teach.
- You need to have the materials all together before you start.
- You need to take a deep breath and tell yourself you can do this.
- Start with simple knots and work up to the more complicated ones.
- If you and your students know the basic terminology you can explain things easier.
- The biggest mistake I encounter is students that hold the knot so that they cannot see what they are doing.
- One on one works best. Get help to minimize the instructor to student ratio.
- Practice, Practice, Practice, and then Practice some more.
- Explain what the knot is used for and what it is not meant to do.  
One good thing about the square knot is that it is easy to tie, one bad thing about the square knot is that it is easy to untie.
- Keep it simple, Make it fun.