Clove Hitch

The Clove Hitch is used to attach the rope to something, usually round. I have shown two Clove Hitches tied beside one another to show you that it does not make any difference which side you start on you end on the other side. This hitch is much easier to tie when you take your initial turn over top what you are tying to so that you can see the crossings. The green working end comes up on the right side of the green standing part, it then crosses over and continues around and comes up on the left side of the green standing part. You then thread the working end under the cross over and pull the hitch tight. The line makes two complete turns around the rod with the cross over captivating both turns. If you worried that the hitch might come loose you can tie an overhand knot with the working end and the standing part. As long as the Clove Hitch is tight and under tension it is difficult to make it slip.