Step-By-Step: Basic Scout Knots

**Overhand Knot**
Right over left...

**Square Knot** (or Reef not, the classic joining knot.)
Left over right...
makes a knot tidy... and tight.

**Granny Knot** (The Granny knot is very UNSAFE. This is why your shoelaces come untied!)
Right over left...
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makes a knot ugly and WRONG.

**Bowline** (The rescue knot.)
1. Make a loop (top to you).
2. The rabbit goes out of the hole...
3. around the tree...
4. and back into the hole.

**Sheet Bend** (Stronger than a Square Knot, especially good for joining different size lines..)
Make a loop in one end. The rabbit goes out of the hole... around the tree back under his path.

**Slip Knot** (Warning: This is a type of noose! This is a quick cinch knot.)
Make a loop.
Pull a loop up through the loop.
Pull tight.
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**Half Hitch**
Loop over the top (Half Hitch)

**Two Half Hitches** *(Taught-Line is much stronger.)*
Second Half Hitch on the outside. Pull tight.

**Taut-Line Hitch** *(Perfect for tying down your truck lid or a tent guy line.)*
Loop over the top (Half Hitch)
Loop over the top again.
One last loop outside. Pull tight.

**Clove Hitch** *(For tying a rope to a tree or pole.)*
Loop over the top.
Loop around again below.
Pull through the hole.

**Figure-Eight** *(This classic “stopper knot keeps knots in place.)*
Loop over the top
Loop under
Go through the hole
Pull tight