

# Troop 45

## Commando Rope

### Knot-tying Award

You can earn the prestigious Troop 45 Commando Rope Knot-tying Award!

You will need to learn to tie several knots, lashings, and splices by heart (without looking at a book or picture), and demonstrate this knowledge to Mr. Hodder.

If you are successful, you will earn your own Commando Rope to wear proudly!

Here is the list: to learn these knots, check your *Scout Handbook* first! For more information, also see [www.animatedknots.com](http://www.animatedknots.com) or [google](http://google.com).

___ 1. Whip a rope	keeps the rope from fraying
___ 2. Square Knot	tying bandages and packages
___ 3. Sheet Bend	joining two ropes together
___ 4. Bowline	makes a non-slip loop or sling
___ 5. Two Half-hitches	makes a slip knot
___ 6. Tautline Hitch	adjusting tension in a rope
___ 7. Clove Hitch	start of most lashings
___ 8. Timber Hitch	quick slip knot around log
___ 9. Square Lashing	lash two poles at right angles
___ 10. Diagonal Lashing	lash two poles diagonally
___ 11. Tripod Lashing	lash three poles into tripod
___ 12. Shear Lashing	two poles into hinged X-shape
___ 13. Round Lashing	makes longer pole (flagpole)
___ 14. Eye Splice	permanent loop in rope end
___ 15. Fisherman's Knot	joining two lines securely
___ 16. Prussik Knot	slide and grip knot
___ 17. Figure 8 on a bight	put a loop in the middle of a climbing rope
___ 18. Alpine Butterfly	mid-line loop
___ 19. Siberian Hitch	secure line with slipped knot
___ 20. Trucker's Hitch	lash loads down securely

Sounds tough, doesn't it? It really isn't! If you learn one or two knots at a time and practice them a few times on some scrap pieces of rope, you'll have them learned in no time! And, you'll be able to remember them when you need to use them. You never know when you might have to tie a tarp on a trailer, tie a boat to a dock, anchor a tent or dining fly in a wind storm, or tie a rescue line around your waist. Knowing the right knot and tying it quickly is often a very handy skill.

Someday it might just save your life!

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