Square Knot

Rope, called "line" aboard ship, is a common sight on many Navy vessels. Sailors can use line to hoist sails, secure cargo, and even as decoration. They used knots to tie lines together and to objects. Sailors learned many different kinds of knots and knew which knot was right for each job.

Below are instructions for one of the most widely used knots: the square knot. Grab a line and see if you can master this essential Sailor skill!
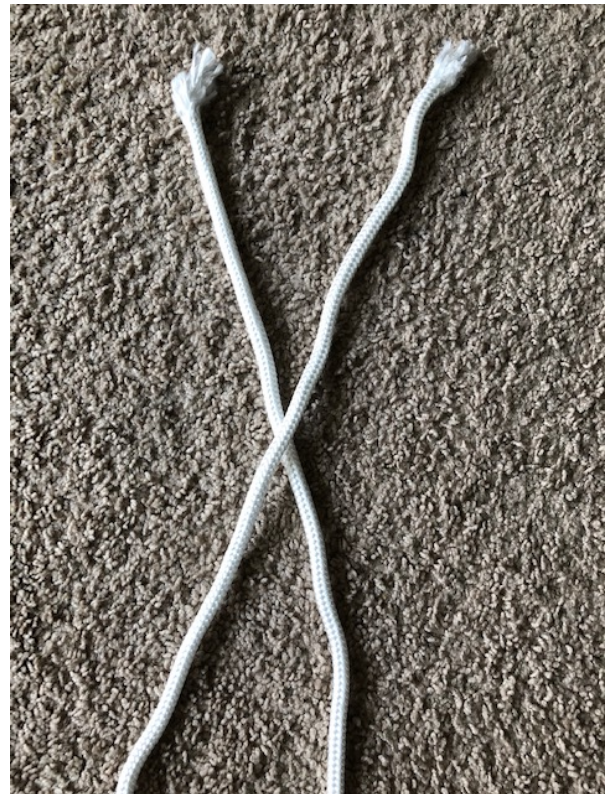
Supplies
Two pieces of rope, string, or twine (two different colors might be helpful)

Instructions

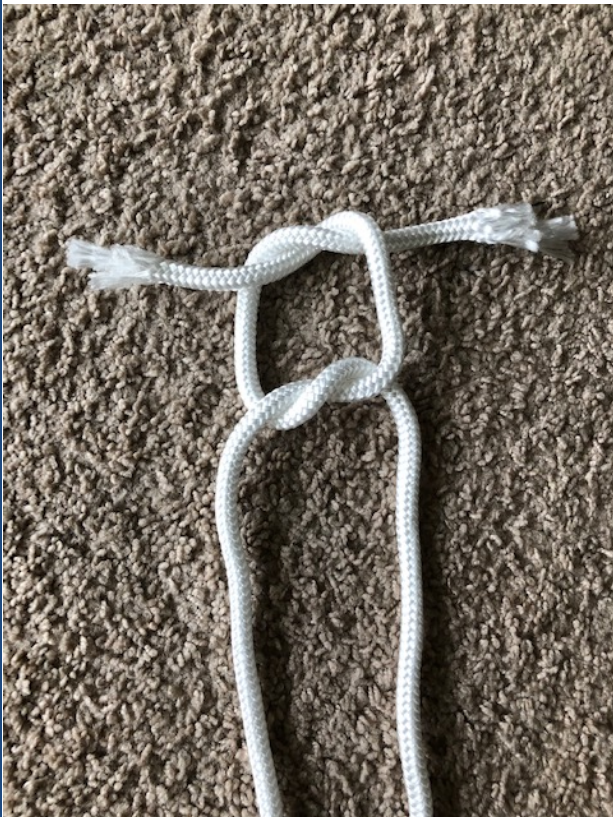**Step 1:** Take your two pieces of rope and hold or lay them side-by-side.

Step 2: You will then take the rope on the left, place it over the rope on the right.

Step 3: Tuck the rope from the left underneath the rope on the right.

Step 4: Take the top bits of rope and place the top that is on the right, over the top that is on the left.

Step 5: Tuck the rope from the right underneath the rope on the left.

Step 6: Pull it tight! If the ropes move freely and looks like a figure eight (8) then you know you've done it right!