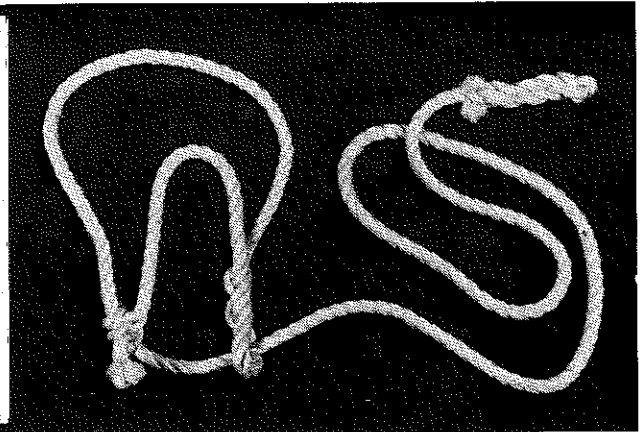


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How To Make A Rope Halter

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Making a rope halter is a useful and interesting activity. All you need is manila rope, the directions in this booklet and some patience.

A rope halter is an inexpensive way to tie up and lead your dairy or beef animal or your sheep. Do not use a rope halter to tie your animal while washing it. A wet rope will tighten down and cut off the air needed by the animal.

For a beef or dairy animal you will need 10 to 12 feet of 1/2-inch, 3-strand manila rope. For a sheep you will need 6 to 7 feet of 3/8-inch, 3-strand manila rope.

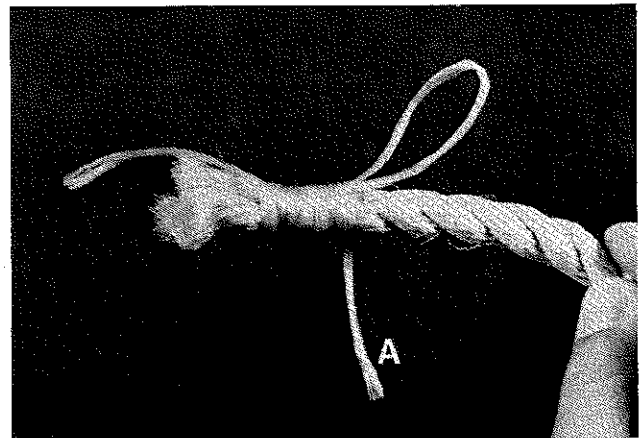
The directions in this booklet are for a right-handed person. If you are left-handed, you may find it helpful to look at the pictures through a mirror as you follow the directions.

Figure 1. Get a general idea where you are heading by looking at the finished product shown above. The first step in making your



rope halter is to *whip* one end of the rope. Use nylon or polypropylene cord. Start by laying the cord against one end of the rope in a "U" shape.

Figure 2. While holding the cord against the rope with one hand, take the long end of the cord in other hand. Starting close to the end of the rope, wrap the cord tightly around and



around until about 3/4 inch of rope is wrapped. Place the end of the cord (A) through the loop.

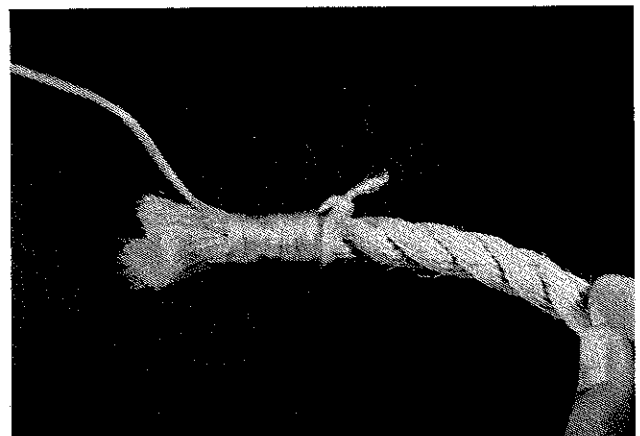


Figure 3. Pull on the other end of the cord until the loop has disappeared and is firm against the wrapped cord.

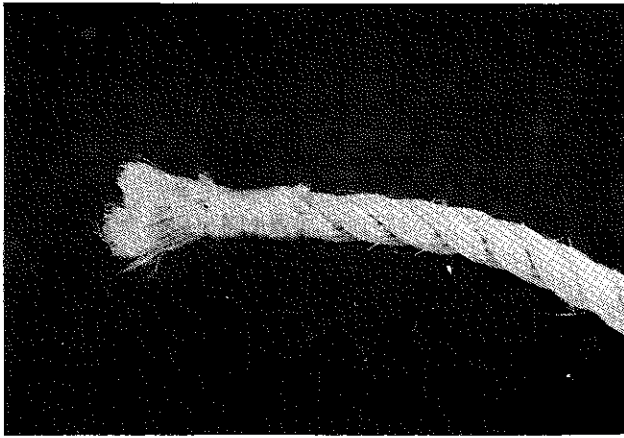


Figure 4. Trim the ends of the cord and you have "whipped" the end of the rope. This will keep the rope from unraveling.

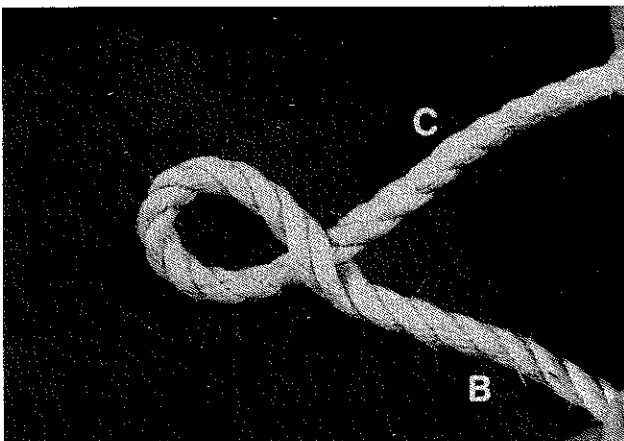


Figure 5. *To make the nose piece for a cow:* Hold the whipped end in your left hand. Measure back 18 inches from the whipped end for a large breed of cow (less for a smaller breed or a heifer). At this 18-inch point, separate the strands enough to insert the unwhipped end. Have two strands on top and one underneath. Insert the unwhipped end so that the short end (B) points down and the long end (C) points up.

To make the nose piece for a sheep: Complete the directions above for this step, but measure back 6 to 8 inches. Remember, you are using 3/8-inch rope for the sheep halter.

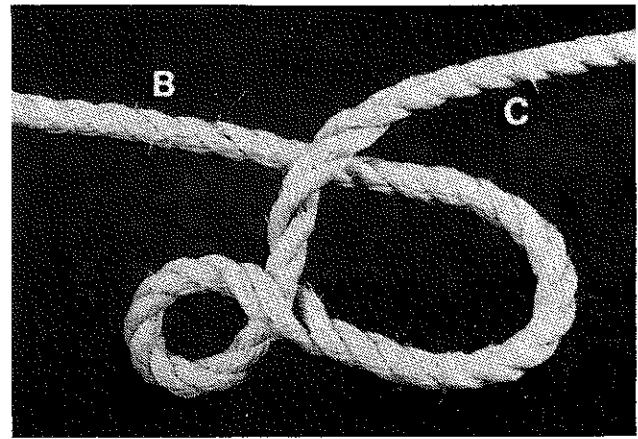


Figure 6. About 4 inches from the loop, separate the strands of the long end (C): two on top and one underneath. Place the short, whipped end (B) through the long end (C).

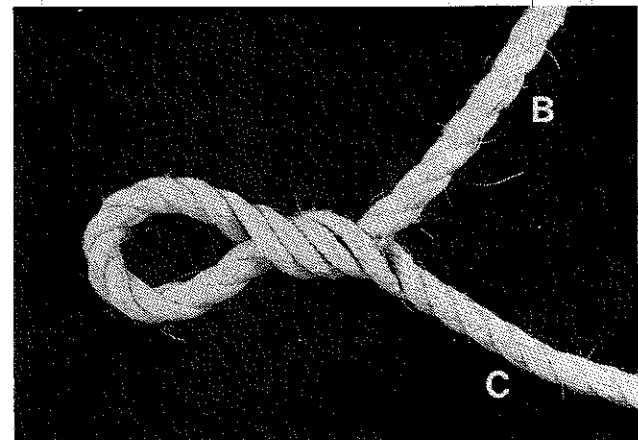


Figure 7. Pull the ends so that a single loop is formed with four strands on top and two strands underneath.



Figure 8. Take the whipped end of the rope in your left hand. Place your right hand about 3 inches from your left hand. Turn your left hand toward you and your right hand away from you so the rope twists open.

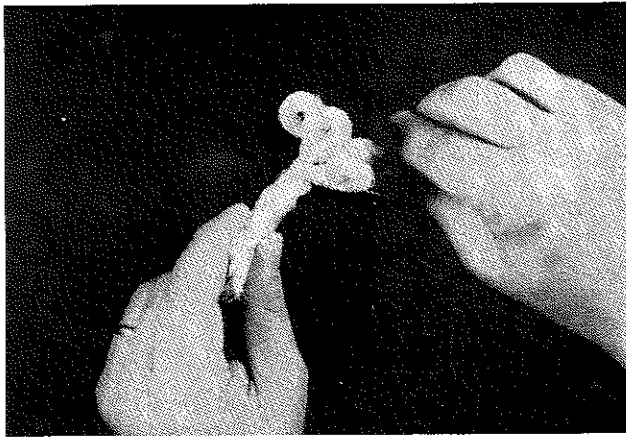


Figure 9. Continue to twist the rope until three small loops are formed by the strands.

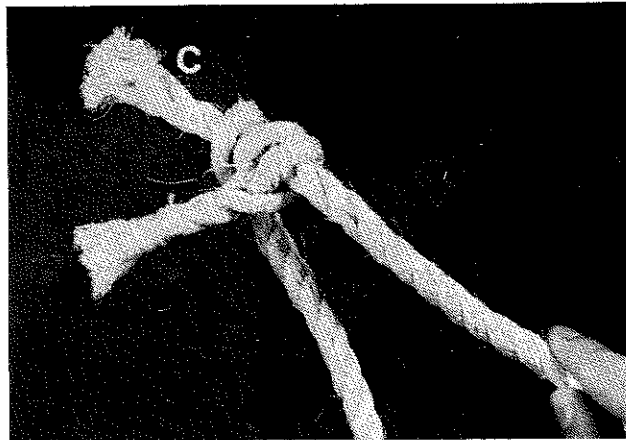


Figure 10. Place the unwhipped end (C) of the rope through these three loops. When this is done, pull all but 2 feet of the rope through the three loops.

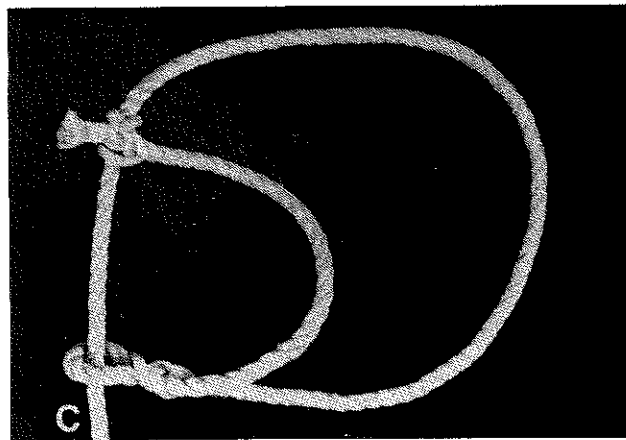


Figure 11. Now place the unwhipped end (C) through the loop completed in Figure 7. Adjust the halter so it looks like this.

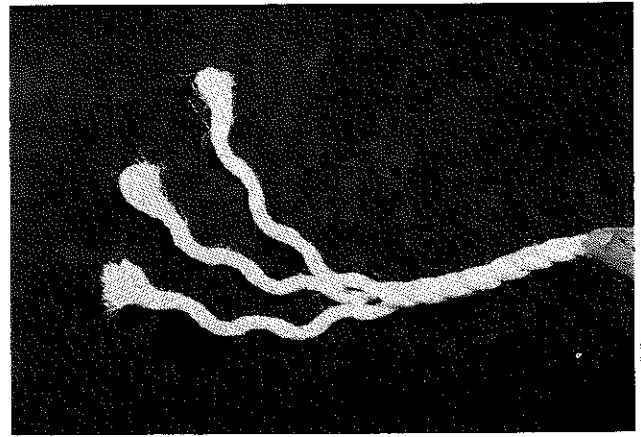


Figure 12. Next you need to finish the halter by tying a crown knot in the free end of the rope. Start by unraveling the unwhipped end of the rope about 5 inches.

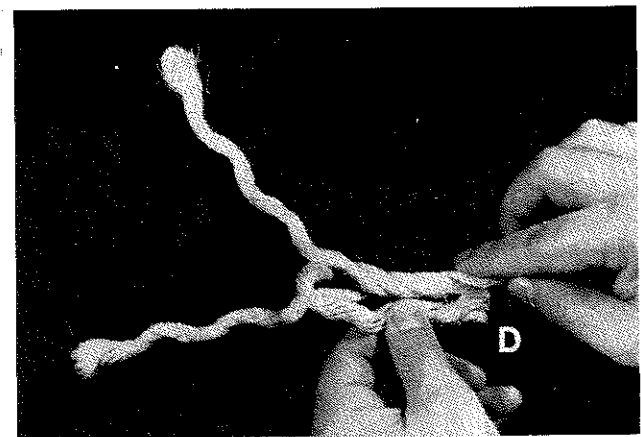


Figure 13. Fold the back (center) strand (D) toward you.

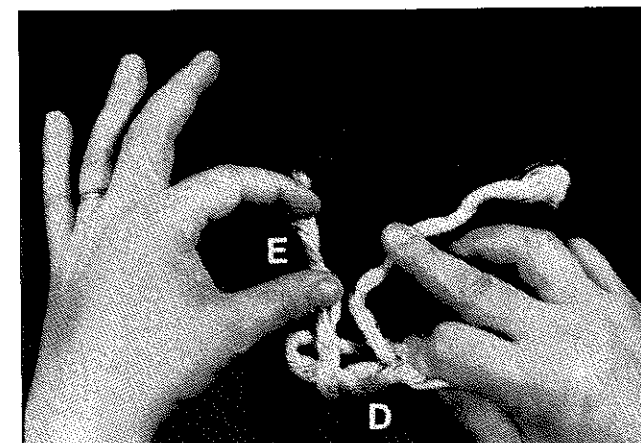


Figure 14. Fold the left strand (E) across the center strand (D).

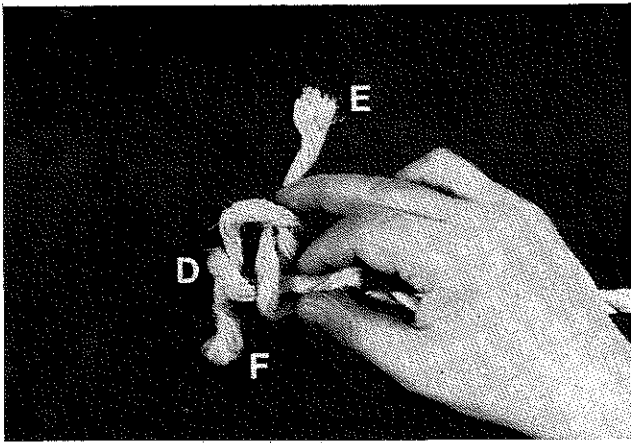


Figure 15. Place the right strand (F) over the left strand (E) and through the loop formed by the center strand (D).

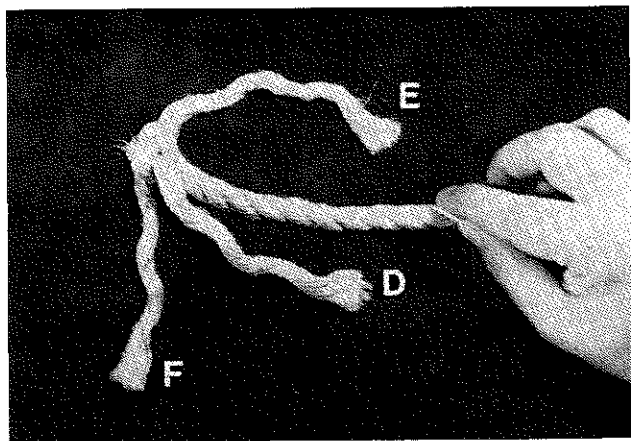


Figure 16. Tighten the knot by pulling each strand until the crown knot is tight.

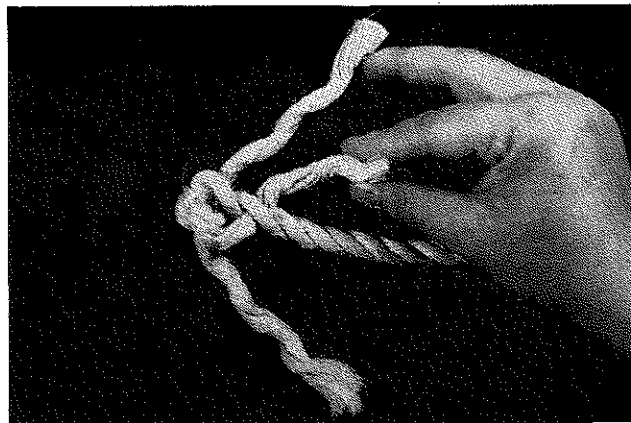


Figure 17. Braid the loose strands back into the rope. Holding the rope with the knot up, pass each loose strand over the first strand to the right, on the main rope, and under the next strand. Then, braid the next strand to the right. Continue around the rope.

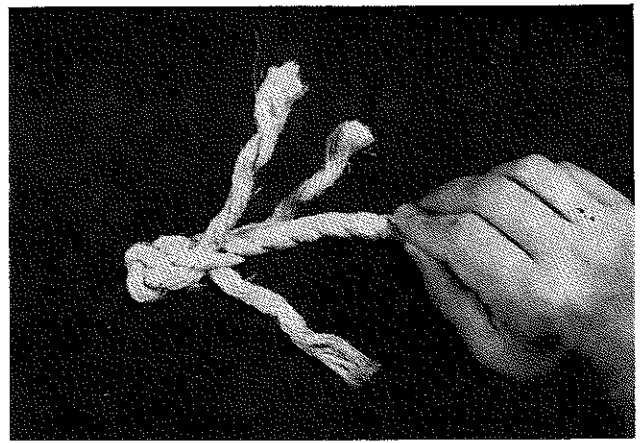


Figure 18. Pull the loose strands tight while twisting each strand clockwise.

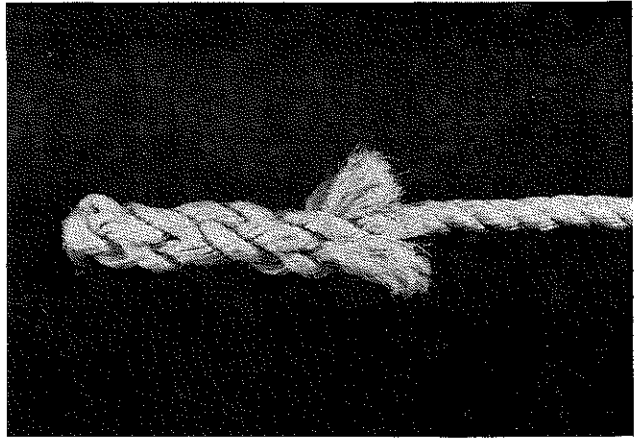


Figure 19. Continue to braid the loose strands back into the rope. Trim off excess rope.

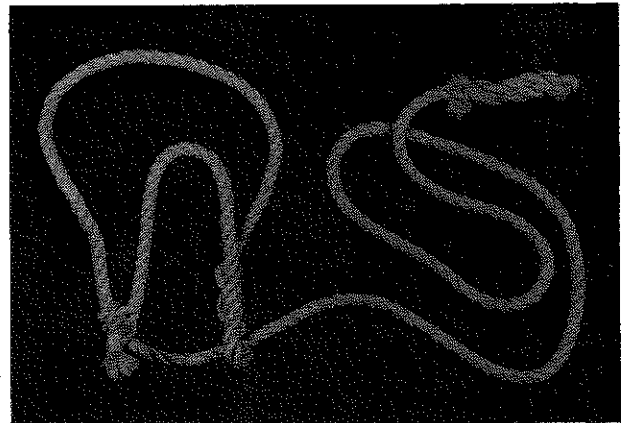


Figure 20. The finished halter.

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