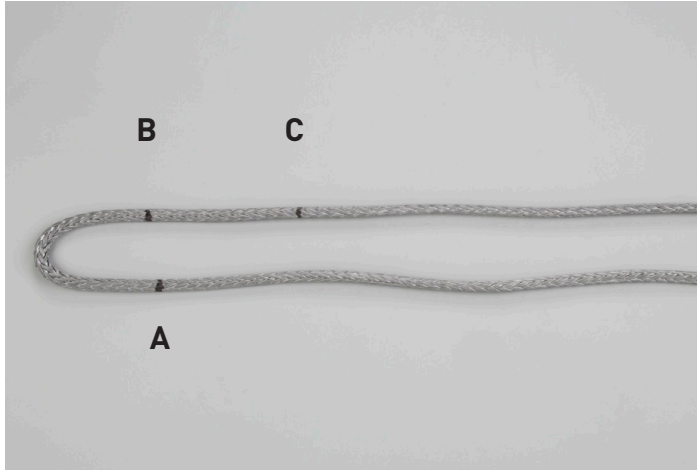




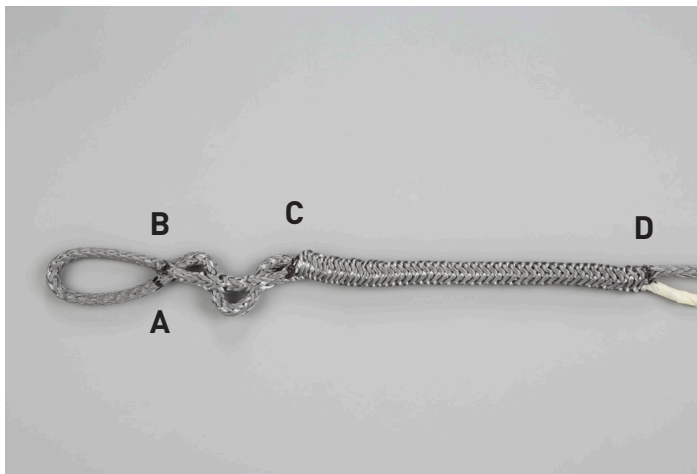
SINGLE BRAID EYE SPLICE (LOCK STITCH)

FIGURE 1



Step #1 - Mark rope three fid lengths from the bitter end. This is mark "A". Form the desired eye – size and place a mark opposite "A", this is mark "B". Measure 1 long fid section further. This is mark "C". Continue down the rope and additional three fid lengths. This is mark "D". (Fig. 1)

FIGURE 2



Step #2 - To mark the tuck points in the area between points "B" and "C" mark the 3rd, and 6th pics (Reference General Splicing Tips on Page 1). Open up "B" with a fid tool and pass the bitter end and tail through the ropes completely. Pull the tail through until "A" and "B" align. Make subsequent tucks in the same manner between the 3rd and the 4th, 6th and 7th strand pairs. (Fig. 2)

Step #3 - Pull the tucks tight as you go. After the last tuck above attach your splicing tool to the tail and insert at mark "C" exiting the rope at mark "D". Remove the tool and the tape wrap from the end of the tail end.

FIGURE 3



Step #4 - Work from the bitter end toward Mark "A", count three consecutive strand pairs and mark, count another five consecutive strand pairs and mark the fifth pair. Continue counting and marking the fifth consecutive strand pair until a total of five strand pairs have been marked. (Fig. 3) Cut and remove these strands back to bitter end and remove tape from the bitter end. After taper is complete hold rope at neck of splice and smooth cover until taper disappears.

Note: The rope may be too tight to bury before tapering, if so perform step 4 before steps 2 & 3