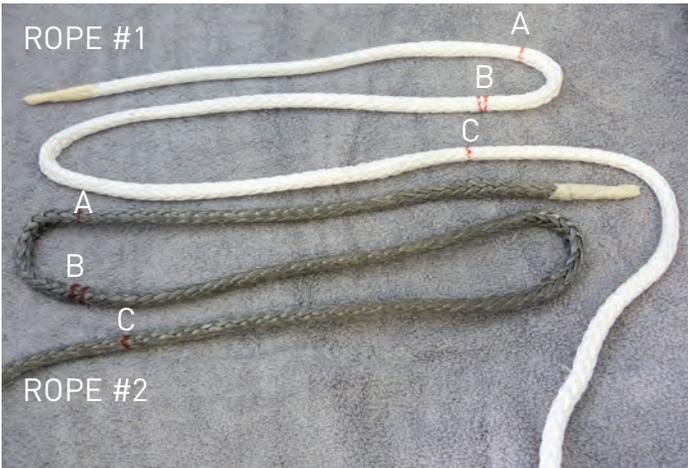




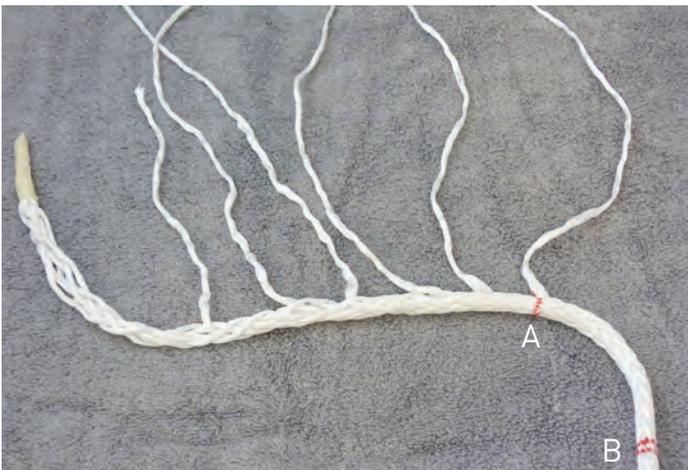
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FIGURE 1



Step #1 – Mark both rope ends as follows: Measure 2 full fid lengths in from the bitter end of each rope, this is mark “A”. Then from mark A, measure an additional long fid length further up the standing part of the line, this is mark “B”. Finally measure an additional 3 1/2 full fid lengths. This is mark “C.”

FIGURE 2



Step #2 – Perform the initial taper by pulling one strand out of the rope at mark A, Then measure 1/2 of a short fid length towards the bitter end and pull out a second strand. Repeat this process until you have removed 6 strands.

Note 1: do not cut off these strands until the next step in the procedure.

Note 2: in a 12-strand rope, half the strands are braided in one direction while the other half go in the opposite direction, left & right. When pulling out the strands for tapering alternate between left and right strands.

FIGURE 3

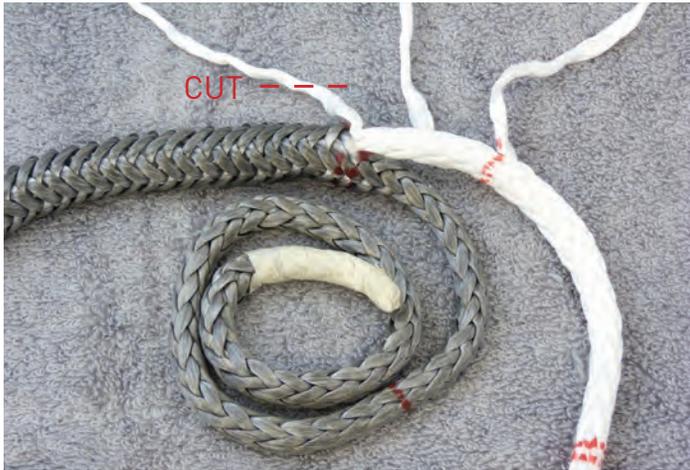


Step #3 – Attach a fid to the end of rope #1, and insert it into rope #2 at mark “B” and come out at “C”.



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FIGURE 4



Note: As each of the pulled strands is about to be buried into the rope at mark B, carefully cut off the strand.

FIGURE 5



Step #4 – Tie a knot in the tail of rope #1 to prevent it from slipping back into rope #2, and repeat the process so as to bury the end rope #2.

Then grasp the two tails and simultaneously pull the two tail ends to set the cross over.

FIGURE 6



Step #5 – Finish the tapering of the tails by pulling out one full fid length of each tail. Then continue pulling out strands as before, separate by a distance of approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ a short fid length, and cut to create a smooth taper.



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FIGURE 7



Step #6 – Hold the rope at the cross over (marks B) and milk each rope from B to C so as to draw the tapered tails into the ropes. Using whipping twine, lock stitch on each side of the cross over to finish the splice.