

Figure-of-eight (or gyn) lashing

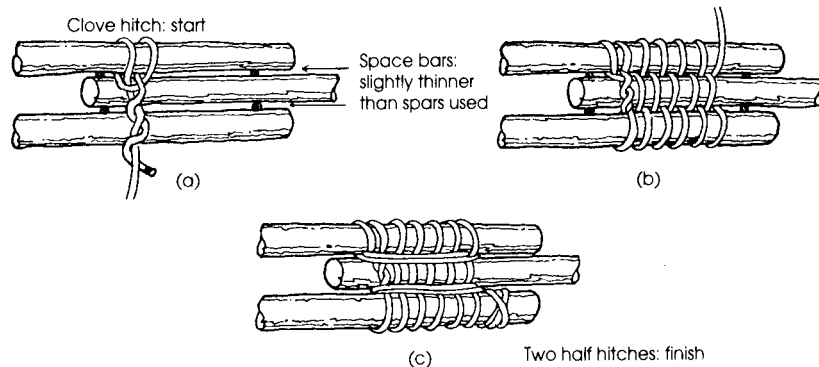
This is used in order to form a tripod (or gyn).

To do:

1. Place the spars as shown in the diagram, after measuring and marking the centre of the lashing.
2. Chock the spars apart using pegs or small spars a little smaller than the diameter of the spars being used.
3. Tie a clove hitch around one of the outside spars, and twist the running end of the rope with the standing part enough to go around the next spar.
4. Take six to eight figure-of-eight turns, working towards the tips of the outside spars. Finish back at the spar on which you started.
5. Make two frapping turns between each of the spars.
6. Finish with two half hitches around the outside spar you did not start on. Tie the first half hitch and work it tight against the last frapping turn, then tie the second half hitch and work it tight. The completed half hitches should look like a clove hitch.

Note: To erect the tripod:

1. Lift the spars slightly at the point where they are lashed.
2. Cross the butt of one outside spar over the other.
3. Continue to lift; place the butts in an equilateral triangle on the ground. The distance between the butts should be about one-third the height. The central spar would be resting in a fork formed by the outside spars.



Samples of use

