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Comfortable Shoes Studio

Comfortable Shoes Studio is the name of my little studio in Beverly, Massachusetts; here I paint large watercolors, smaller acrylics, and mostly bind books and journals. I specialize in custom bound journals and sketchbooks with adhesive-free sewing in which the sewing is visible and decorative on the spine. If you're interested please email me!

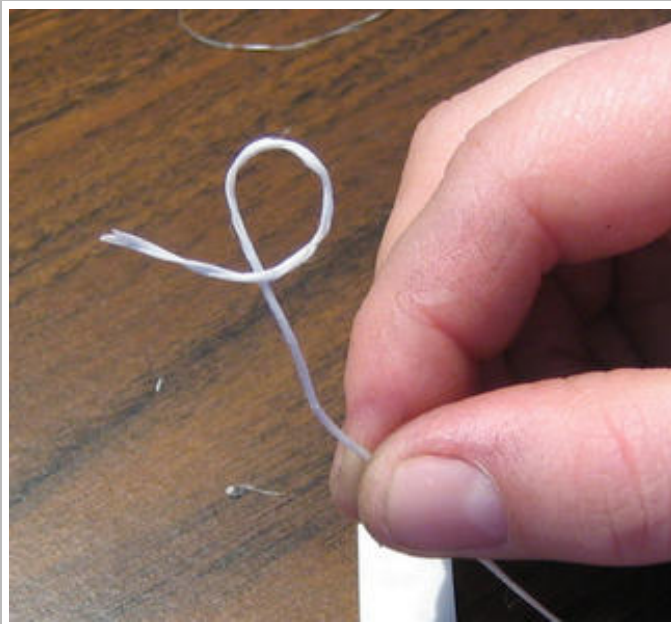
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Weaver's Knot- a tutorial

I use the weaver's knot pretty often, sometimes I don't cut the thread long enough and sometimes it's just too unwieldy to use a thread that is long enough for 20+ signatures.

I've used several types of knots in my bindings and I have to say that I like the weaver's knot the best. It's not the smallest, but it serves its purpose well. It's a knot that tension holds it in place, pull on the wrong side of the thread and it undoes itself. It's reversible so if you screw up somewhere you can fix it. I like that.

First form a loop: I curl my thread down and then up:

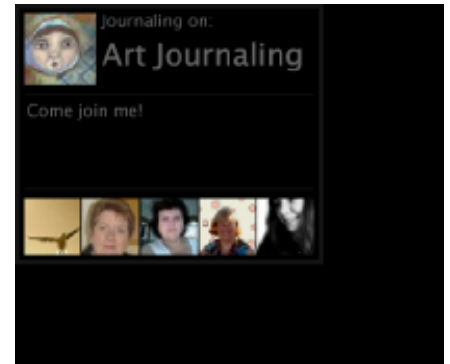


an upside down U shape:



Then form

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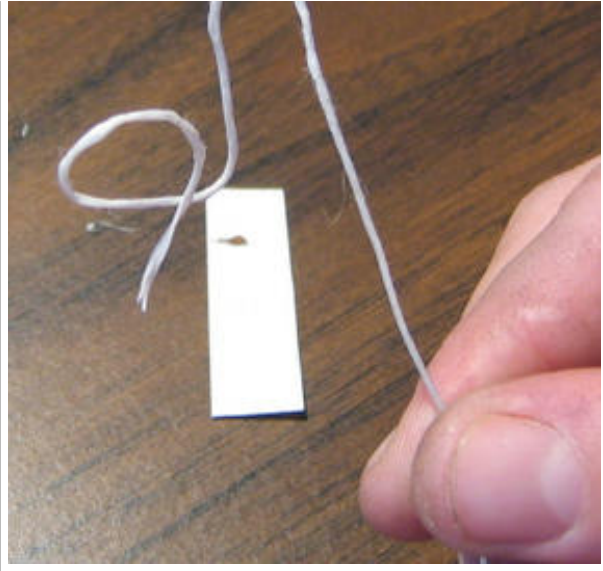


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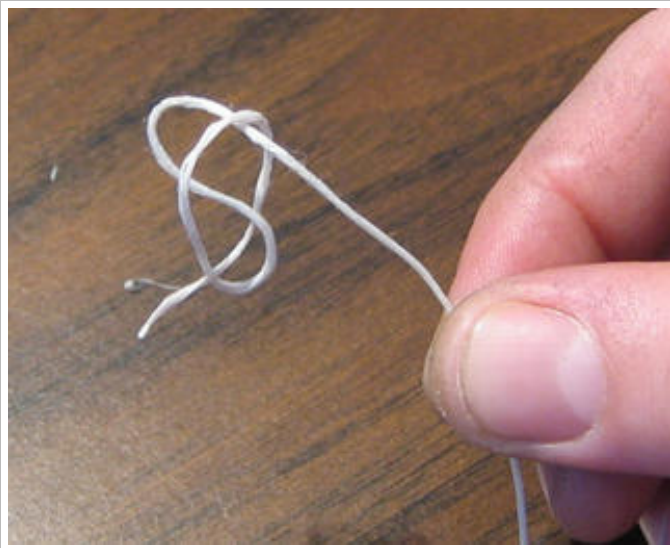
I'm an artist, constant blogger, into photography- as long as it's my art or flowers. My day job is for a large multi-national corporation for which I'm a store geek. I make sure the computer systems run correctly, the register work right and that items ring properly.

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this shape then is pushed through the loop you made previously:



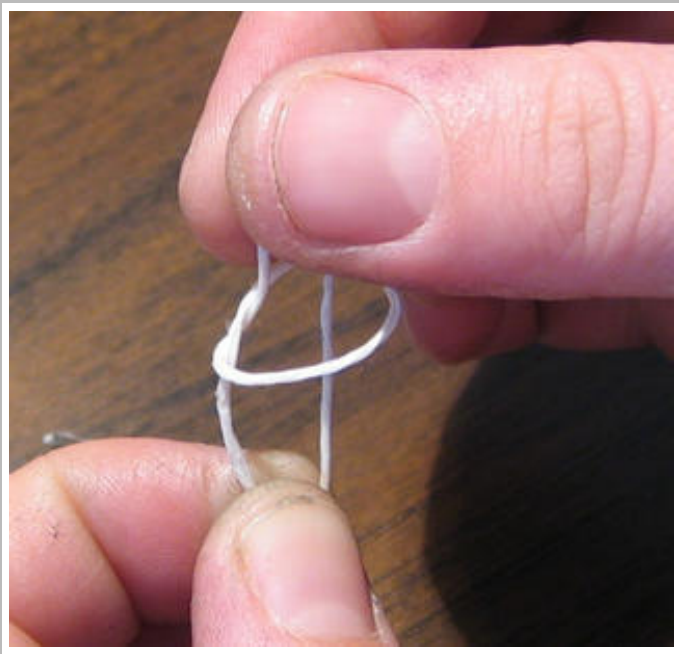
Now you need to pull this a little tighter so you can control it when you attach it to your old thread:



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Be careful when pulling or you'll get a really long tail and no loop, and that thread is expensive!

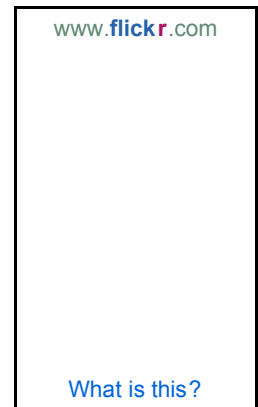


Here's the finished loop:



I usually work my loop a little smaller but I thought it would be a good idea if I made it bigger so you could see it more easily.

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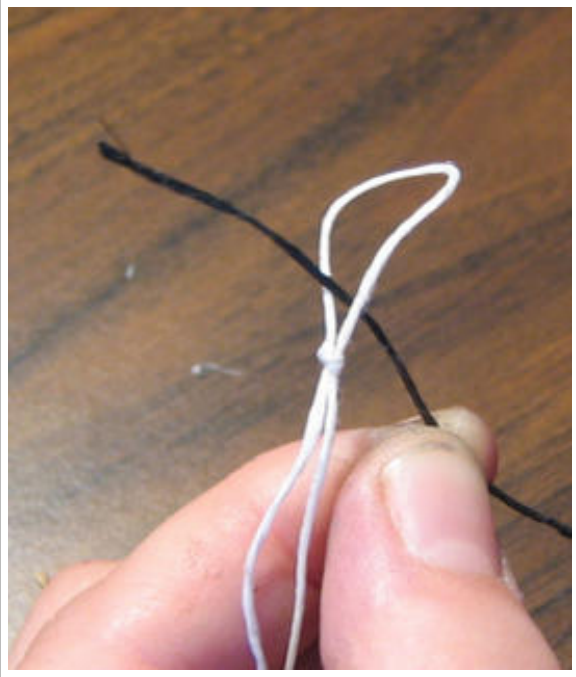


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Now you're ready to loop this over your old thread! Loop it so the working end- or the end you plan on putting a needle on i headed in the direction you plan on sewing- the tension it will create is essential to this knot.



Pull the loop tight around the old thread (black in this picture) but don't pull it tight yet! You do this buy pulling on both the working end and the tail end. At this point you can slide the thread aroundon the old thread and position it where you want it. i like to put it over a station soit doesn't flair my spine too much. You can also hide it some place where it can't be seen. Here's what it looks like:

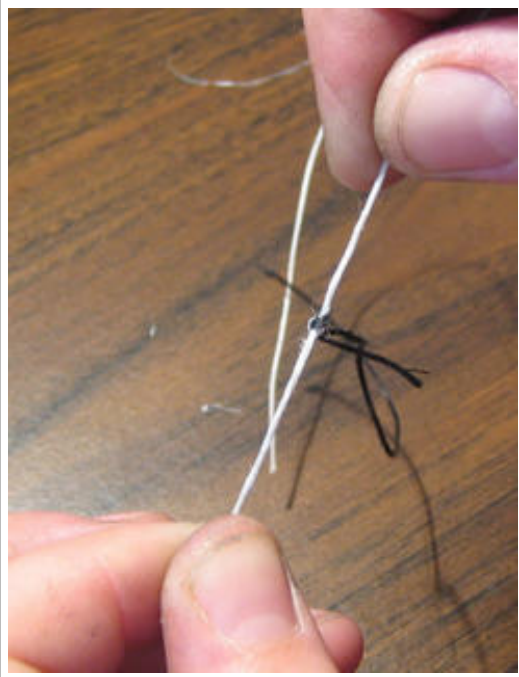


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At this point you have it positioned where you want it and you need to pull it tight. You do this by grabbing the working end and the tail end and you pull them away from each other hard, and you'll feel the knot "click" or slip into place. It will look like this:



The final step is to twist the tail and the old thread together, DON'T PULL ON THE TAIL, it will release the knot and you'll have to start all over again!



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Practice this
a little bit

and it become second nature and you'll be able to tie it on the fly
without thinking about it!

Posted by Comfortable Shoes Studio at [7:30 PM](#)



8 comments:

Anonymous said...

What a wonderful invention it is, this thing we call the
Internet!

[8:14 PM](#)

Anonymous said...

Clear and concise instruction. Thanks.

[4:06 AM](#)

Anonymous said...

Thanks!

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on i headed in the direction you plan on sewing- the tension it
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Probably you mean "is headed"? And please spell check the
instructions - "osmetimes" is little hard on the eyes!

[11:12 AM](#)



[Comfortable Shoes Studio](#) said...



hey anonymous grow a set and leave a name and then get over yourself.

11:21 AM

mosh1 said...

I was just trying to improve your excellent explanation!

10:18 AM



Comfortable Shoes Studio said...

It's all good in the 'hood. I'm just being sarcastic. :)

10:55 AM

mosh1 said...

"Now you need to pull this a little tighter so you can control it when you attach it to your old thread:" - photo doesnt show where do you pull with your left hand. I am trying now and it works about 25% of times and I am trying to figure out why.

12:34 PM



Comfortable Shoes Studio said...

ok. I found that if the 2 threads were crossed over each other when I thread the old thread into the loop it won't lock into place. also sometimes I need to use pliers to get it to lock into place. and it def. helps if it's lightly waxed.

8:18 PM

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