

Knots Box Instructions

The Knots Activity Box works well for use at a den or patrol meeting where scouts are learning knots. The Knots Box also works well at indoor community events when paired with the Meet and Greet Box. For the more complicated knots, it would be handy to have a tube or poll to help tie the knot (ex. Timber Hitch).

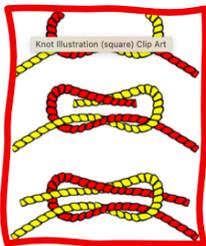
This box includes:

1. Two sets of laminated knot tying instruction cards on key ring.
2. Book: "knots and how to tie them" .
3. Two different knot tying instruction sheets in sheet protectors.
4. Ten ropes approximately 2 feet long.
5. Copies of the 6 basic scout knots - for distribution/photocopying as handouts during pack/troop meeting.



During den/troop meeting:

1. Display ropes on a table.
2. Have knot tying instructions on table.
3. Have scouts/adults teaching the knots able to see all scouts in den/patrol as they make the knots.
4. Have scouts teaching the knots make sure to slowly demonstrate each step of the knot while the den/patrol copies them.
5. Move on to the next knot after verifying all scouts have completed the knot. If a scout is struggling, and others have finished, possibly have them teach the knot to that scout.
6. Give copies of the knot tying instructions and a section of paracord (not the large ropes) to the den/patrol members if they would like to keep practicing after the meeting. The pack or troop would need to supply the lengths of the paracord.



At community event:

1. Set up the Meet and Greet Box on the event table.
2. Have knowledgeable scouts in front of the table or wandering (close to the table) the event while tying knots with the ropes.
3. The scouts can teach basic knots to the attendees.
4. The scouts can also teach the knots to the children of parents while the parents are talking with the adult scouters about the scouting program.



During and after the event please make sure that the ropes and instructional materials are not given away or "walk away".