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Rope Trick

Making Instructions

You will need:

- A piece of soft cotton rope, about 1.5 meters long
- A pair of scissors
- See through sticky tape

A few tips before you start:

The best rope for this rope trick is called 'magician's rope'. It is cotton rope and the core has been removed. Magician's rope is easy to find on the internet and you can buy it from lots of different shops. Ask a parent to help you find it online.



Step 1:

Preparing your rope:

- a. Cut the length of rope measuring about 1 meter. It needs to be long enough so that you can hold on to each end when you stretch your arms side to side.
- b. Cut two smaller pieces, about 20 cm long.

TIP: Follow the steps in the pictures below to stop the ends of your ropes from fraying.



#1 Cut a piece of see-through sticky tape, about 5cm long.



#2 Wrap the sticky tape around the ends of the rope.



#3 Cut the frayed bits off both the ends of the rope.



#4 Now you have neat rope ends that won't fray.

Restoring Rope Trick

Now you are ready to do this amazing rope trick.

Step 2:

Look at the pictures to see how to set up your ropes to be able to do this trick.

The long rope gets folded into three almost equal lengths. The ends of the long rope stick out a little bit past the loop. This is so that the short rope ends can complete the illusion of three separate pieces of rope.

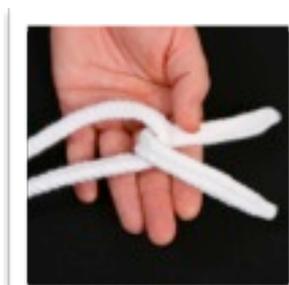
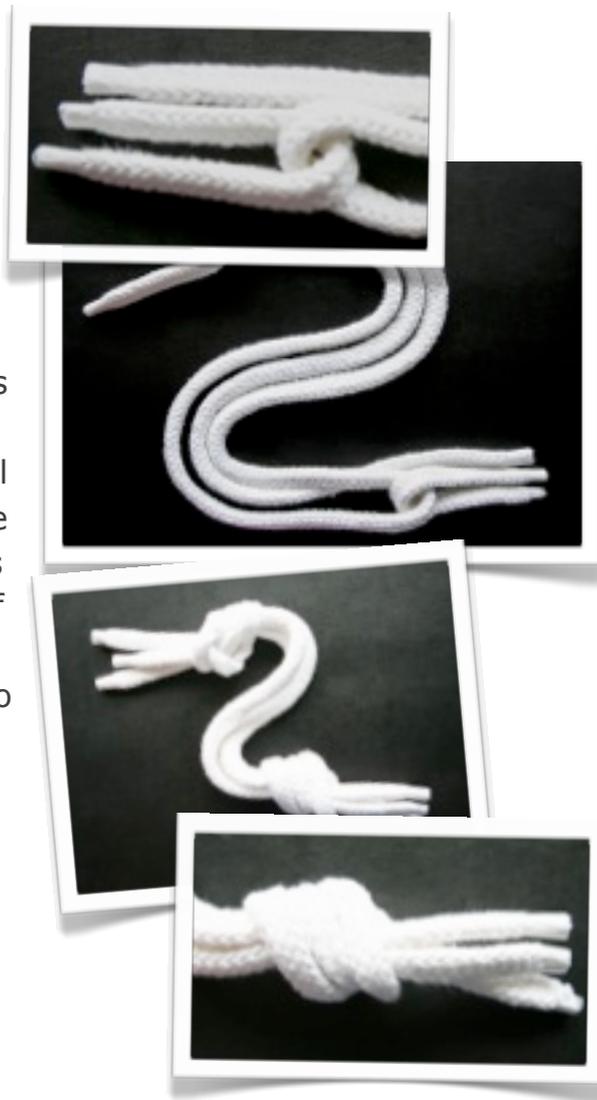
Then tie the ropes into a big knot at both ends so that the little loops are hidden.

This is your starting position.

Step 3:

Now we are going to look at the handling of the ropes.

Tying the 'ends of the rope' together



#1 Hidden in your hand the ropes will look like this.



#2 Push the small rope out of the loop. Keep it hidden in your hand.



#3 While still hidden from your audience...



#4 ...complete the knot around the loop.

Phew! That's one done. The 'sneaky move' should now look something like the rope in the pictures.



Step 4:

Repeat **Step 3** with the other end of the ropes.





TIP: This trick takes a bit of practice to get the handling right. Make sure you don't '**flash**' the loops in the rope.

When we talk about '**flashing**' it is when a magician shows something that is secretly hidden by accident, like in this case, the loop and the small pieces of rope.

Step 5:

It's time for the **MAGIC!**

You should now have a rope that looks like three shorter pieces of rope have been tied together.

Grab onto the rope on either side of one of the knots. Then, get ready to blow onto the knot and pull the rope tight at the same time. (The blow is for added effect and doesn't really do anything, but it looks really cool!)

When you pull the rope tight, the knot will jump straight off the rope! How amazing!!



Step 6:

Now repeat **Step 5** with the other knot. You can even have an audience member do the 'magic blow' for extra amazement.

Well done !

You have made three separate pieces of rope restore into one long piece of rope.
Have fun amazing everyone with this easy rope trick.