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Rope-making Step-by-step

The yarn will come back through the same slot and up and out the top center slot Again loop the yarn around the top center hook of the jack.



Bring the yarn back through the top center slot of the paddle down and out the final slot, out to the final hook and around the hook.



Got Rope?

The rope jack should be strung up to look like this.



Beginning to string up the yarn.

Hold the end of the varn with

your thumb and bring it through

the slot as shown. Take the yarn

down to the jack and wrap it around the hook opposite the

slot in the paddle.

Bring the yarn from the third hook back through the third slot in the paddle and tie off. (If a thicker rope is wanted, simply go across the back through the 1st slot again and repeat the process with all three hooks and slots and then tie off).



To attach the swivel hook first put the two yarns from the top slot of the paddle into the hook, then bring the strands that are tied off onto the hook (the far right to far left slots)



Here we have a young 8 year old pulling back on the the swiveling hook as her 7 year old brother turns the handle on the jack. The strands are beginning to be formed.



When there is sufficient overtwist in the strands (when the strands are properly formed) you can begin to move the paddle forward. The swivel hook will start to turn, laying the rope up as you go. Make sure the person at the jack end continues revolving the hooks.



Remove the strands and place them on the top center hook in order (i.e. continue the direction of the twist with each strand) Once all three strands are on the top hook have the person at the jack turn the crank the opposite way while you hold the rope. Remove the free swiveling hook at the back end to make sure the

rope tightens down on itself. This will set the rope.



The rope at the swivel hook end will not come unraveled, however it will unravel at the jack end. If you are doing a demonstration and making a couple hundred ropes a day you don't have time to do a crown and backsplice or whip the end of the rope. Insert a puller through all 3 strands as shown.



Insert a 6 to 8 inch piece of twine through the puller and draw it through the strands (A rug latch hook or crochet hook may also be used)



Tie the piece of twine using a square or surgeons knot and let the child who made the rope take it away. If you have questions please feel free to let John know, or if you would like to see additional information here send a few bytes our way.

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