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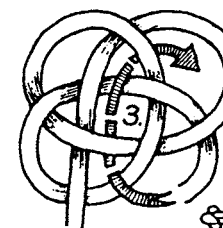
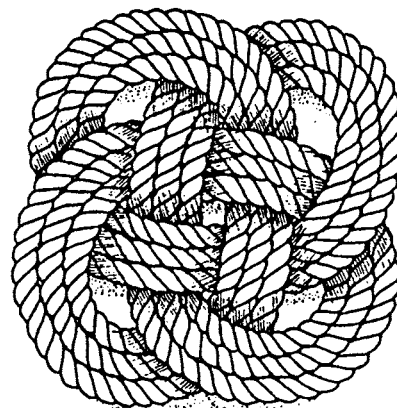
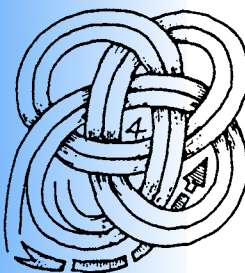
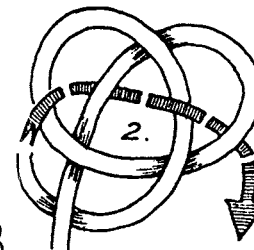
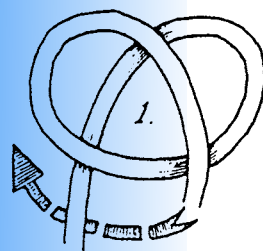
### *International Guild of Knot Tyers?*

*A registered Educational Charity. The International Guild of Knot Tyers was founded, with twenty-five members in April 1982, as an association of folk with interest in knots and knotting techniques of all kinds. The Guild has grown beyond all expectation and we now have over a thousand members world-wide.*

*Our membership includes all sorts of people, university professors, surgeons, sailors, scouts, magicians, farmers, miners, accountants to name just a few, and they live in places as far apart as Australia, Japan and the U.S.A.*

*We keep in touch with each other by correspondence and by holding regular meetings and exhibitions at both international and local levels. We also issue our quarterly magazine, "Knotting Matters", which is a mine of information, useful and obscure, on anything related to knotting. Over the years the Guild has published a number of books and produced other corporate items.*

### A Turk's Head Mat



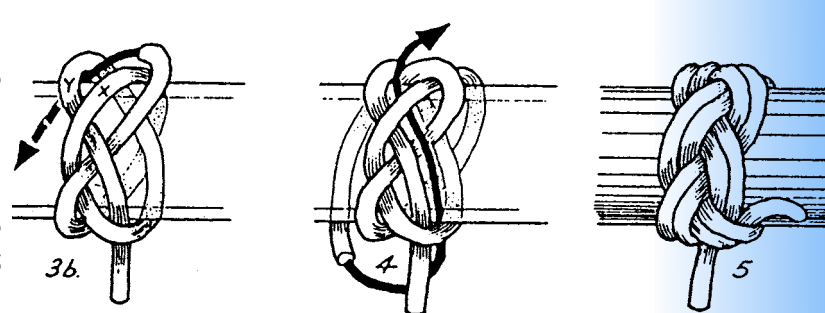
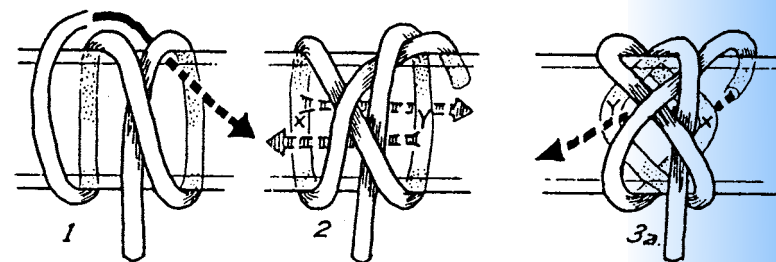
of 3 leads and 4 bights, tripled.

*A Turk's Head tied as a flat mat can be altered into a tubular form by opening the centre outward and at the same time reducing the circumference until the two edges are of the same size and lying parallel. The tubular form of Turk's Head is widely used for scarf rings or "woggles", more traditionally on tillers, rudder posts and the 'midships' spoke of steering wheels.*

*Such a Turk's head can be fitted onto a rod or tube at stage 3, before the lead is doubled. For a 'woggle' use about 3/4 inch (19mm) dia. rod.*

*If no end is available over which to knot can be fitted partially formed, the Turk's Head must be tied in tubular form from the outset as shown on the right.*

*From 4 the original lead is followed through the entire knot to add as many multiples as required. 5 shows the knot doubled. The doubling may proceed using either end.*



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Tubular Turk' Head - 3 leads, 4 bights



*Members vary widely in their knowledge of the subject, some being interested novices, while others are experts in particular specialities, but everyone acknowledges that they have much to learn from each other and a continuous informal exchange of information and ideas is probably the Guild's most enjoyable characteristic.*



### ***Where's the Fun?***

*Fun means different things to different people, but with so many applications and materials available, knots can engage almost everyone's interest. Many conjurors specialize in knot magic. There are so many useful and beautiful things to be made using knots, such as mats of all sizes from coasters to floor coverings, handbags and bell-lanyards to a whole range of jewellery. For student researcher or hobbyist our archives and publications are there to help.*

### ***Membership of the IGKT***

*If you are interested in joining the International Guild of Knot Tyers, then please complete the application form at [www.igkt.net](http://www.igkt.net).*

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