

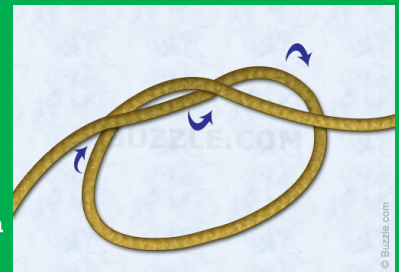
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TYING A LASSO

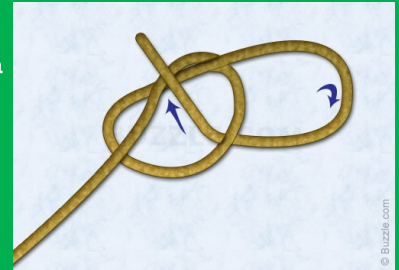
STEP 1: The First Knot

Form a loose overhand knot in the rope. The loop of the Honda knot will be made by the short tail emerging from the knot. So, one has to determine how short or long the tail of the rope should be left to. To make a small loop, the overhand knot should be tied such that there is a short amount of tail left. Similarly, for a large loop, the overhand knot should be tied such that there is a long tail left. The knot should not be made tight yet. Push it slightly to create an opening in it.



STEP 2: Lasso Loop

Insert the short tail of the rope through the opening made by knocking down on the overhand knot. This will create a loop that will become the starting point of the lasso.



STEP 3: Hondo Knot

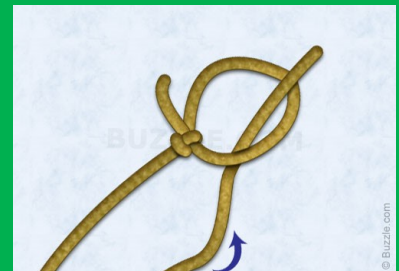
This knot that is formed is called a Honda knot. It should not be completely tight. After having the knot fit closely, shape the Honda with the hands to increase or decrease its size. After the desired Honda knot is done, keep pulling and pushing up the knot. The Honda knot is now ready.



STEP 4: Final Knot

After that, pass the other end of the rope through the loop in the Honda knot to make a working lasso tool. Now, objects can be grabbed by pulling the slack end of the rope.

While tying a Honda in a rope, a knot in the tail of the rope is required to make the lasso last more. This knot is called the stopper, with which the knot will stay intact when subjected to pressure, and the tail of the knot will slide through the Honda.



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THROWING A LASSO

A lasso or lariat is made of a firm rope, as this firmness allows the noose to remain open when the lasso is thrown. It also lets the cowboy easily open the noose from the animal. The rope is strong enough to be pushed slightly. We used a soft rope we found around the office for ours. It's not as effective but works great for playing and having fun.

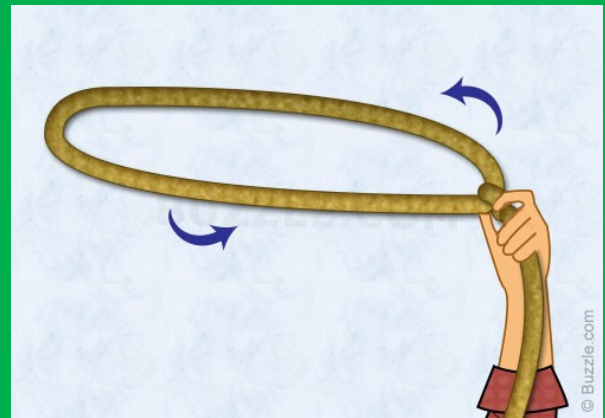
If the slack end of the rope is seized and swayed, the stress in the rope will pull the loop in the lasso. For this reason, it is important to keep the lasso wide open while spinning, to and build speed.

Hold the Lasso as Stated Below:

1. Hold the loop and the other end of the rope together. This must create an increase in length of the rope between the Honda and your hand. This increased part is called a shank.
2. Aim your index finger down the increased part in the direction of the Honda, for gaining control.

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3. Now, swing the rope in a circle on top of your head. Swing it fast so it is not hard to keep the loop somewhat horizontal. However, the swinging should not be too fast to lose control.



THROWING

4. While releasing the rope, let the loop go on its own, but the rope should be held steadily so that you can tighten your lasso.
5. Once the lasso is around the object, draw in the rope hard. This will pull the slack in the knot by the Honda, thereby seizing the object that has been caught inside it.