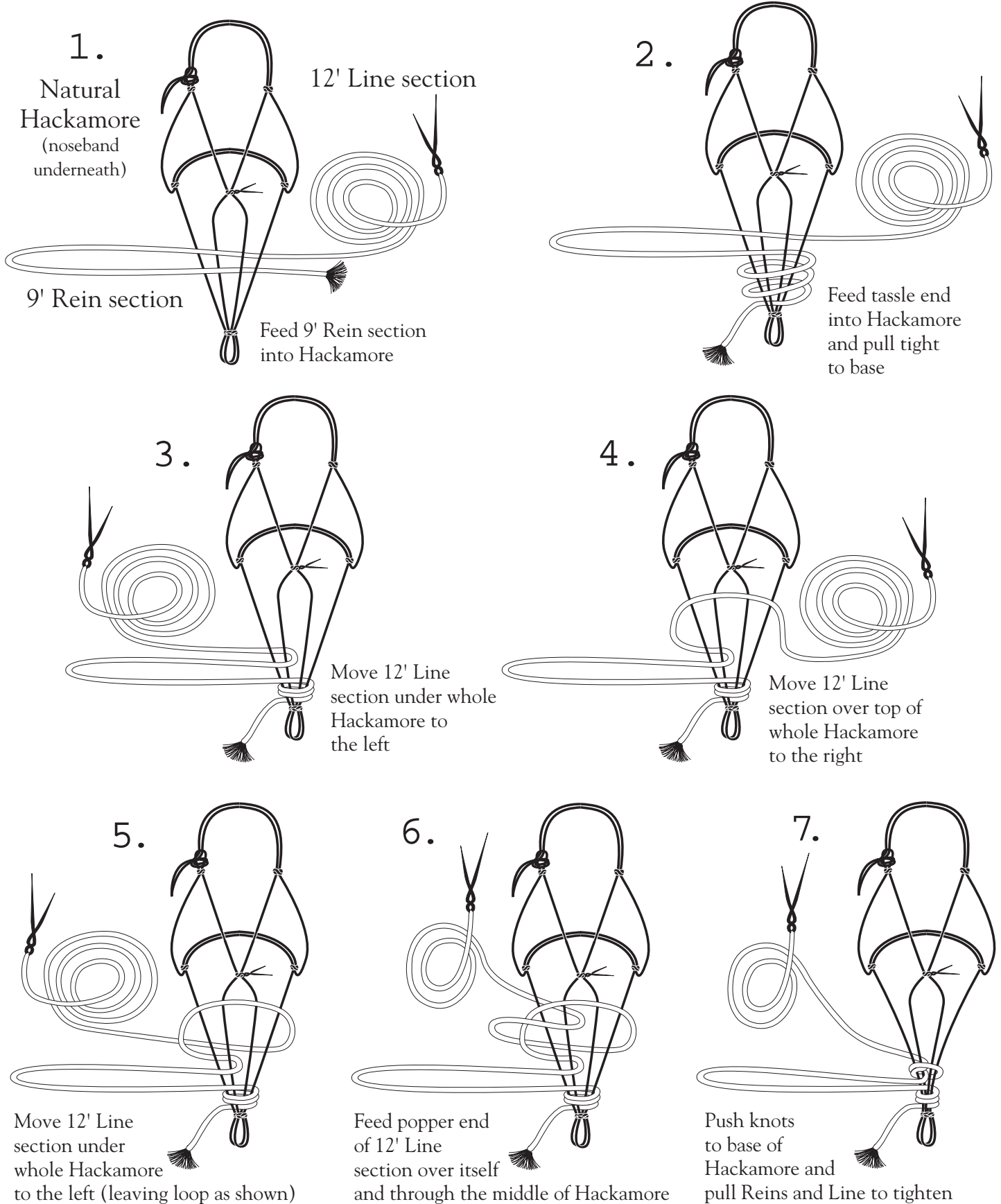


# How to attach Horseman's Reins to the Natural Hackamore

Note: To lengthen rein loop or 12' Line section just slide to adjust - do not untie the hackamore knot.



### How To Assemble Bridle Set

Headstall attaches to the ring between mouth piece and rein leathers. Rein leathers attach to ring between headstall and chin-strap.

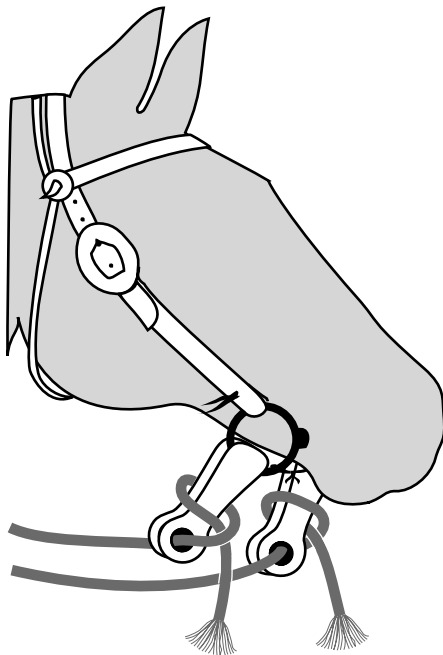
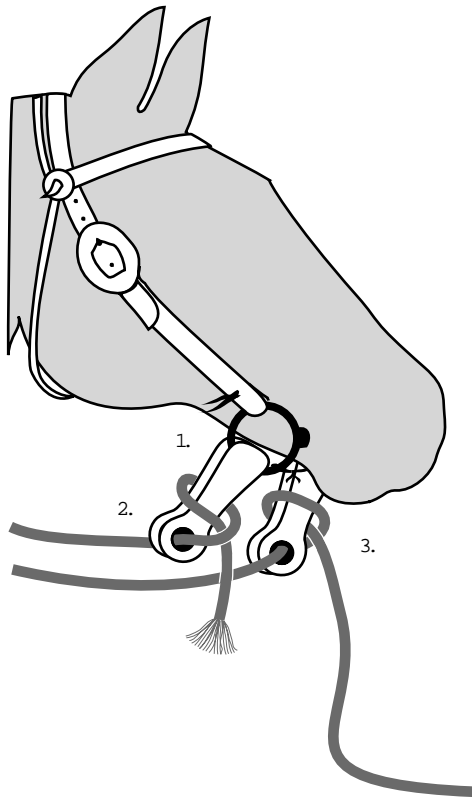
### How To Attach Horseman's Reins

Horseman's Reins are 22' in length. When tied to your rein leathers, loop rein will be 10' and lead 12'.

To attach, first place slobber leather on snaffle ring (1) between headstall and chin strap.

Starting with rein leather on right side, thread tassel end (2) through both holes of one leather, from inside to outside. Make a half hitch around leather leaving end pointing down as shown.

Next thread popper end through rein leather on left side (3) again from inside to outside. Make half hitch by running the lead end under, then back over the top of leather. Lead end will come out pointing down toward ground.



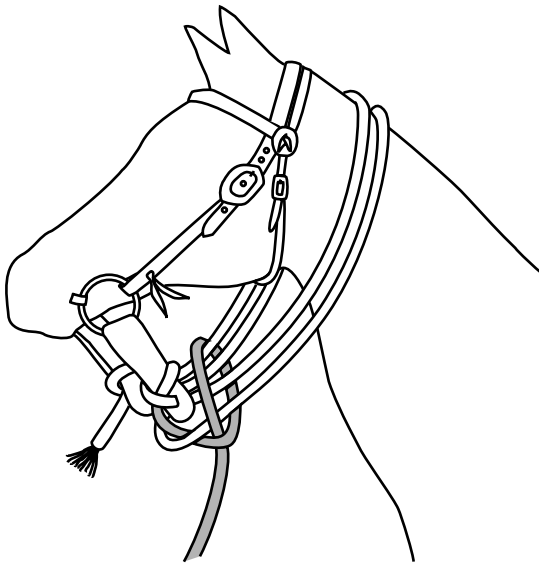
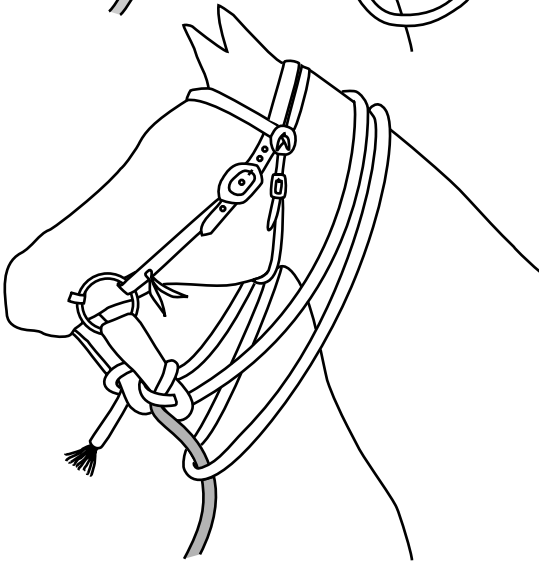
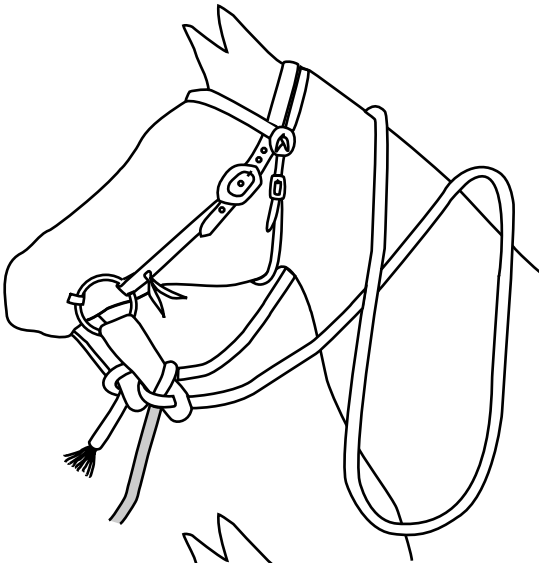
## How To Safely Tie Your Horse Using Horseman's Reins (for Snaffle or Hackamore)

*Step 1.* Bring all the slack in the reins to the left or right side of your horse's neck. Make an "X" forming a big loop.

*Step 2.* Put the big loop over the horse's head. Adjust so reins are in four equal lengths.

*Step 3.* Take the lead end (shaded dark) and tie a half hitch by going around all four lines. Then tuck the end through itself to form the half hitch.

You may now safely tie your horse without danger of pull on the snaffle bit. Pull will instead be on his neck.



## Instructions for Tying the Cinch to the Latigo



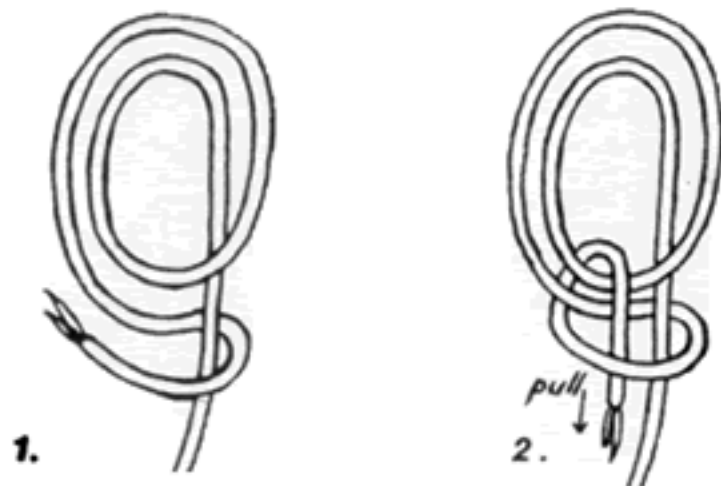
# What Knot to Know

Knowing the best knots to use for the purpose at hand is important for a Natural Horseman. I have incorporated them into the Development Program so that as you progress through each Level, your competence at handling ropes will increase.

Some of these knots are for tying horses up, and others for securing ropes around the horse's neck and onto the saddle horn.

## K1. Tie the 12' Line around your horse's neck.

This secures your 12' Line or the lead on your Partnership Mecate Reins. is done by wrapping it twice around the neck, then forming a knot by looping it around itself and then back through it's own loop. In this way it will lie neat and flat against the horse's neck. See diagram below.



## K2. Tie a Clove Hitch

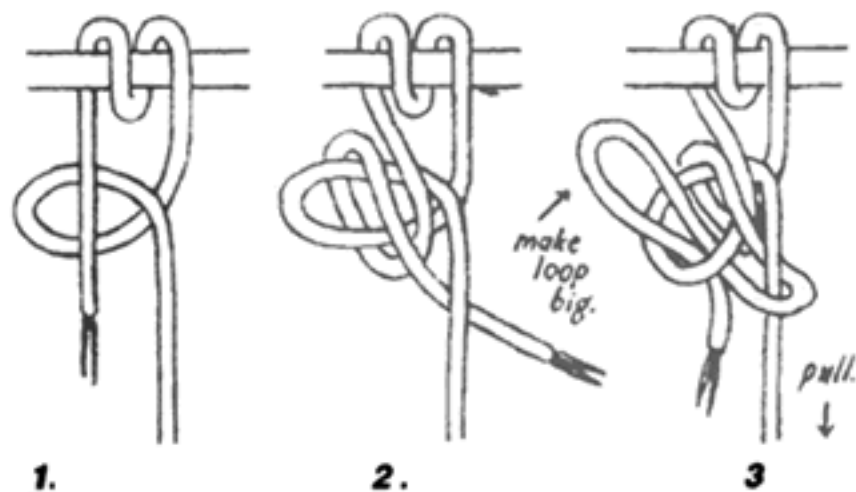
A clove hitch is actually two half hitches. If you use a Western saddle, this is the best way to tie the lead rope end of your Partnership Reins onto the saddle horn



Form the loops on your saddle horn or on a post

## K3. Tie a Stockman's Bowline

This is an excellent knot for tying horses. It is a secure yet quick release knot that does not tighten when the horse pulls on it. It is best used on rails that are greater than 4 inches in diameter. Take two wraps around the rail.



## K4. Tie a John Wayne or "Bank Robber" Knot with a safety lock.

A John Wayne Knot or Bank Robber Knot is a quick-release knot like the Stockman's Bowline but comes completely away when you release it because it does not thread through or wrap full length around the rail / pole. It allows you to tie your horse and then release it with a single pull and walk away without having to unwrap anything. (Do not use around rails greater than 4 inches in diameter as it will not bite down and stay that way.

The safety lock is optional, but you should know how to do it! This is for horses that are Houdini's and for situations where you cannot risk it releasing.

