

Make a Rope Halter

1. Selecting the Right Size and Amount of Rope.

Kind and Size of Animal	Size of Rope	Length of Rope	Nose Piece
Sheep	¼ inch	8 feet	8 inches
Calves	3/8 inch	10 feet	10 inches
Cows	½ inch	12 feet	12 inches
Horses	9/16 inch	15 feet	15 inches

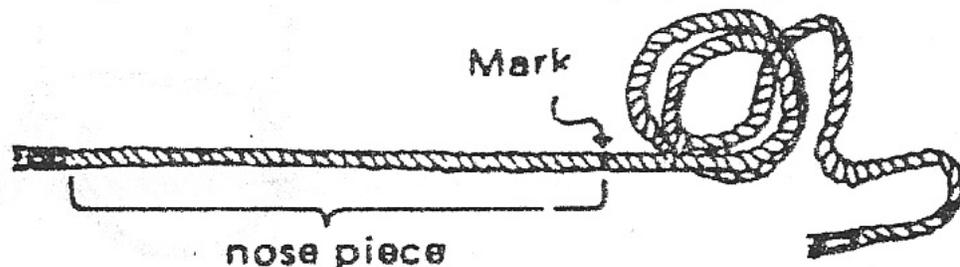
2. Securing the Ends.

First make a clean, square cut with a knife or ax. Then about ½ inch from the end, several options are available to secure the ends:

- Take two or three turns around with friction tape.
- Whip the ends with a strong string.
- Heat fuse the end of a nylon rope.
- Spice the end.
- Secure with a hog ring or wire.

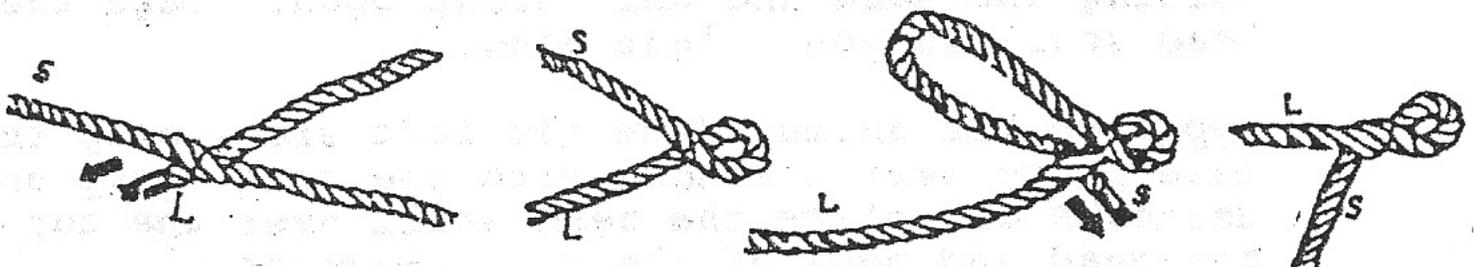
3. Making a Rope Halter

A. From one end of the rope, mark the length of nose piece indicated for your animal (see chart).

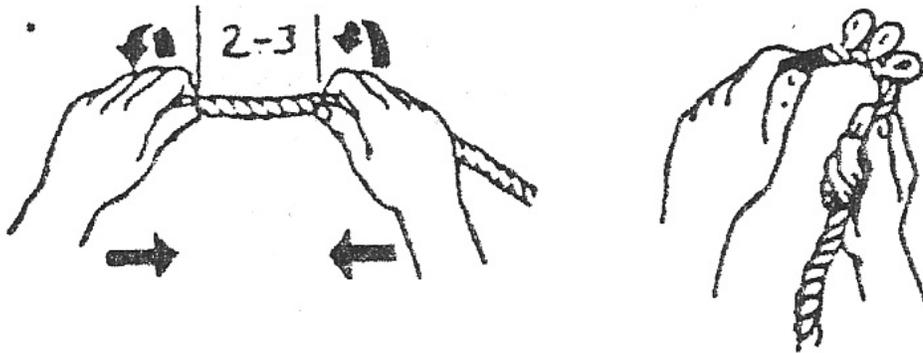


B. At the point marked, raise two strands by untwisting the rope and then pass the long end under these two strands in the direction shown. Pull the long end through until the center of the loop is twice as large as the rope.

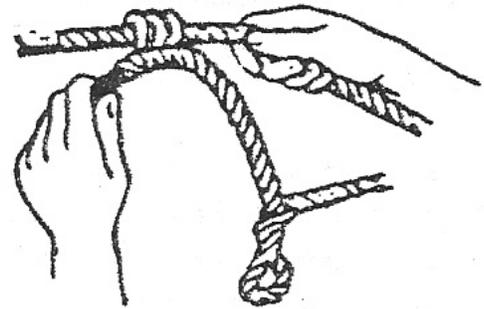
C. Raise two strands in the long end of the rope just outside the loop and pass the short end under these strands. Draw snug, and you have a loop splice.



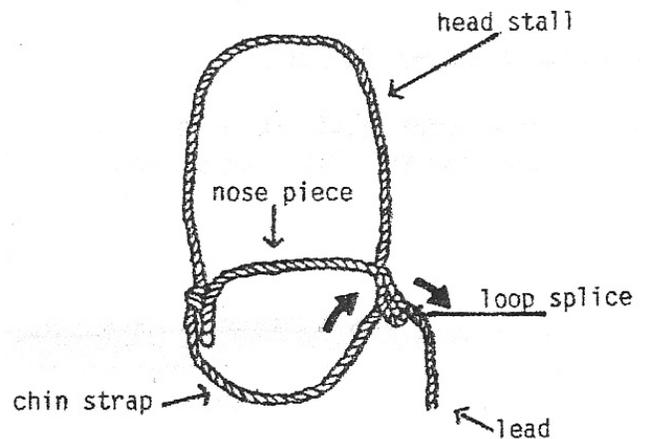
D. Take the short end of the rope in your left hand and with the right hand 2-3 inches from the left, untwist and push together until the strands form separate loops.



E. Work these loops into a straight line and pass the long end of the rope through these loops in the direction shown to form the adjustable head stall.



F. Pass the long end of the rope through the loop splice and your halter is complete.



4. Putting the Halter On

Situation: Now that you have made your halter, you are anxious to see if it will work.
Your Task: Show how you would put the halter on your animal.

- A. Adjust the size of the head stall, allowing slack in the chin strap.
- B. Take the lead and loop splice in your left hand, holding the nose and chin strap open. Take the head stall in your right hand.
- C. Approach the animal from the left side, slip the nose piece over its nose with the chin strap underneath and place the head stall over the top of the head and back of the ears. Adjust the head stall if necessary.