

Fieldcraft Skill Series

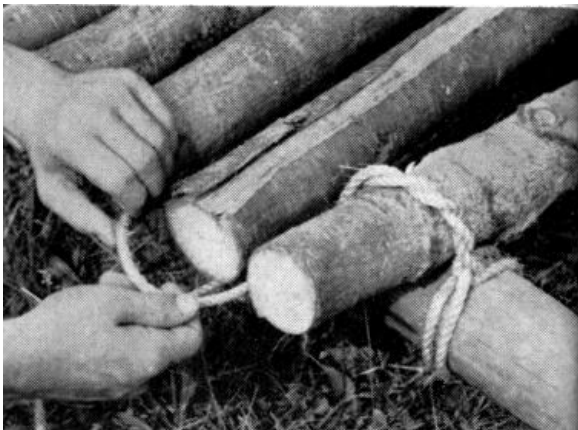
Floor Lashing



As part of many pioneering projects, you need to construct a series of rungs or flooring. If the flooring for a bridge or a platform is to consist of a few crosspieces only, you can use square lashings for fastening them to the stringers, but if you intend to lay a continuous floor, you will be better off using floor lashings.



In floor lashing, start with a clove hitch around stringer on which flooring spars to be laid.



Make a pigtail of the running and standing ends of the rope – similar to a timber hitch - and pull it snugly over the first spar of the floor.



Pull a bight under the stringer and up between the first two spars and slip the bight over the end of the first spar.



Now pull the rope under the stringer and up over the second spar – on the outside of the stringer – then repeat the third step to secure each spar to the bottom stringer.



Continue this way until all spars have been laid firmly in place and secured. Finish the lashing with a clove hitch around the stringer.