



# Activity 12: Project

## Rig up a swing (Everything recovered)

Location: Anywhere with a convenient tree

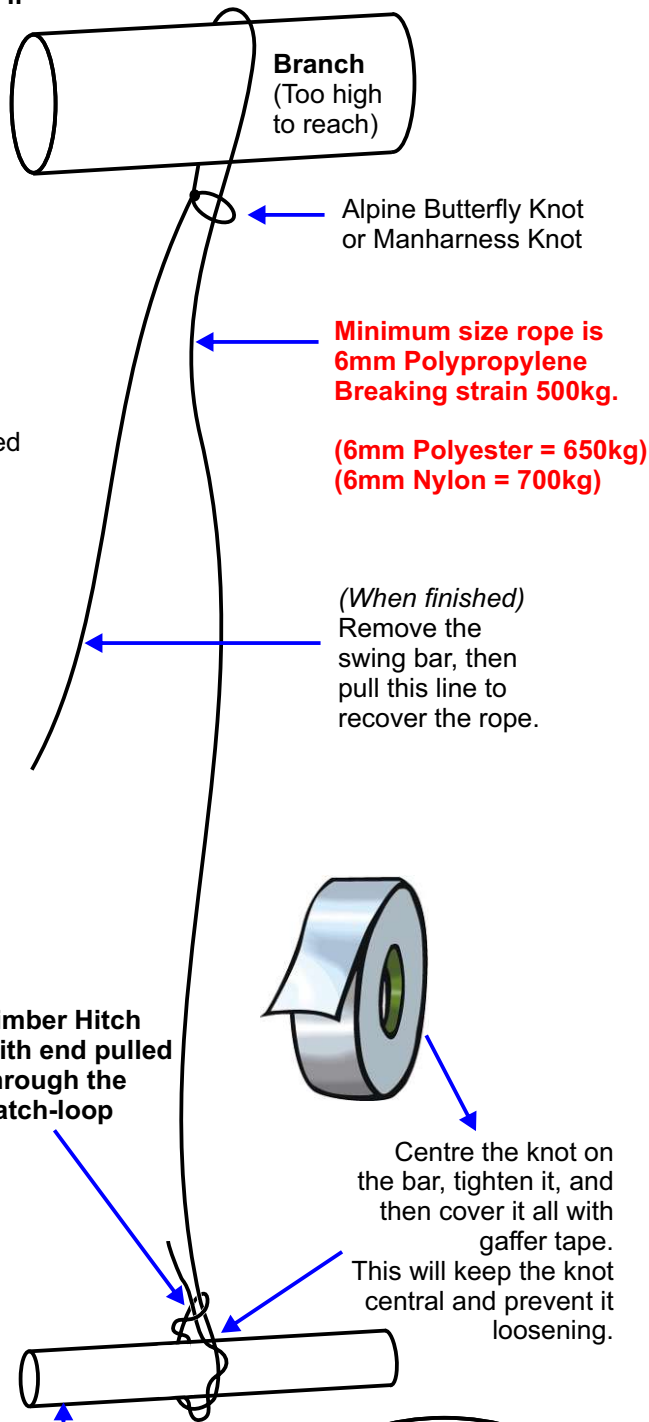
The idea here is to rig up a temporary swing. But this doesn't mean we slack on safety. Only rig up a swing if there is:

- A suitable tree with strong horizontal branch in a good position.
- You have strong rope in good condition.
- You are prepared to get the knots right
- You have a bar, car tyre, or swing seat that is sound.
- There is a roll of gaffer tape to hand.

To be a Scout swing, when the activity is over, all ropes should be recovered without damage and other things used put away. Leave no marks showing that you were there!

### What to do

- 1 Choose your tree.
- 2 Tie a Manharness or Butterfly knot in the middle of your rope to create a loop.
- 3 Attach a light throwing weight to one end of your rope and throw it over the branch (be careful of yourself and others).
- 4 Pass the end of the rope through the loop and hoist it up to the branch.
- 5 At the right height from the ground, secure the swing bar using a Timber Hitch. Spin the end of the rope around the knot (right around the bar) and pass the end through the catch loop.
- 6 Tighten the knot to grip the bar, then cover the knot with gaffer tape.
- 7 Take a picture
- 8 When the activity is over, remove the swing bar, and then pull on the recovery line to remove the rope from the tree.
- 9 Tidy everything away.



Swing bar:  
40cm long x  
(at least) 5cm  
strong wood

**Covid 19 Discipline**

**OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCE**

**Beavers/ Cubs:**  
Must be with responsible adult

**Scouts/ Explorers:**  
Parents must be informed.  
Work with a friend.