

How to Tie a Prusik Knot

Prusik knots are very useful when camping and mountain climbing. As with taut line hitches, you can slide the Prusik knot back and forth along the main rope that it goes around. But as you put weight or tension on it, it tightly grabs the main rope and will not slip. The photos below show how to tie a Prusik knot. To learn more, see: <https://www.animatedknots.com/prusik-knot>

In this example, I am tying the Prusik knot starting with a small loop of green and white paracord. I will use these loops to help set up my tarp (see last two photos).

Step 1: Here's what my loop looks like before I start tying my Prusik knot:



Step 2: I begin tying the Prusik knot around a red paracord line:



Step 3: The nearly finished Prusik knot - all I need to do is pull down on the loop to make it tight:



Step 4: Here are two Prusik knots that I am using to set up a tarp. I have attached the two loops to the tarp's tie-outs using small metal carabiner clips. They will not slip!

