

# Tie The Loop Correctly

1. Thread the end of the rope that has the long leather piece through the middle of the small leather piece on the other end of the rope to form a loop of the approximate size needed.



2. Then tie an over-hand knot with the tail back to the large loop to secure the loop size so that it is not a slip knot.



3. Make sure the over-hand knot is tied so that if pulled with force, the small leather piece will break.



4. The tail end of the neck rope (with the long leather piece) is made to secure the neck rope by looping it over your saddle horn or hooking to a dee-ring on your saddle. This is to help prevent the rope from slipping down on the horse's neck when he puts his head down and/or when you are not using the neck rope.

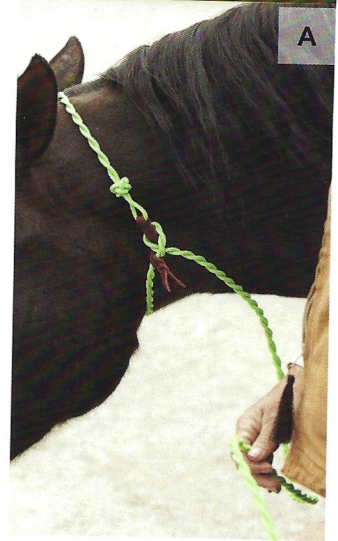


## Please use caution:

Having a large loop around your horse's neck could lead to severe injury should your horse put a front foot through the loop. This neck rope is designed with a leather breakaway in the event such an accident happens. However, you should take the utmost care to make sure the neck rope is secured at all times it is on the horse and you should also make certain the rope is tied through the leather breakaway, which is the smaller of the two leather pieces, so that it will break if the horse is caught. Do not leave a horse unattended with the neck rope looped around his neck.

# For Groundwork

A. Tie a medium sized loop (see instructions on left) in the rope, through the leather breakaway, and place it over the horse's nose and head so that it is around the neck. Place the loop just behind the jaw of the horse at the throat latch and take the slack out of the loop so that there is enough room to go around the throatlatch of the horse but it is not snug or tight; it should fit like a dog collar.



B. Make sure the knot for the loop is fixed and does not slip like a noose. The long tail-end of the rope will act as your lead rope (it has the long leather piece at the end). Proceed to working the horse as normal on leading exercises, as if you were using a lead rope.

C. Your goal is that the horse responds to how you use your body, not to the rope. The neck rope is simply your back-up if the horse does not respond to your body cues.

**DO NOT LEAVE THE HORSE UNATTENDED WITH THE NECK ROPE ON.**



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