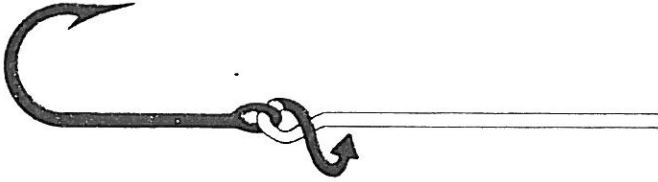


How to Clinch a Catch

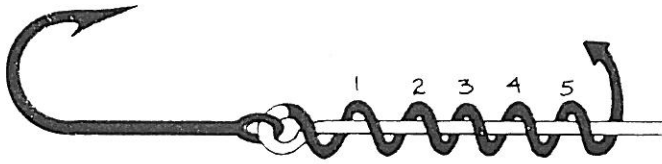
Here's how to tie a clinch knot. Remember, a clinch knot will keep your hook firmly tied to your fishing line, even when a really large fish is tugging at your bait.

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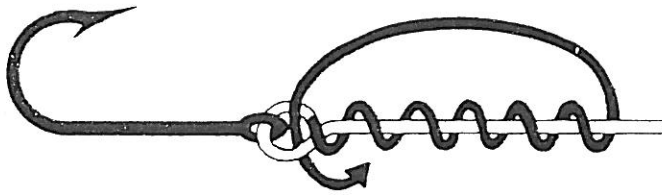
1. Put the end of the line through the eye of the hook and bring it back toward the line.



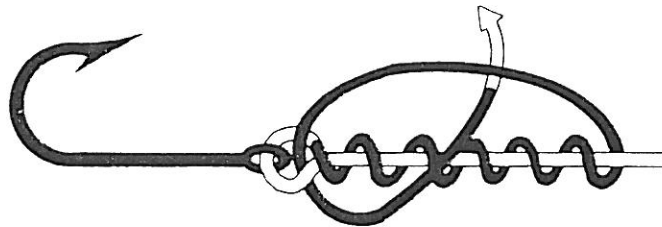
2. Make five "S" twists around the line.



3. Take the end back toward the hook and push it through the first loop nearest the eye.



4. Bring the end back through the big loop, and wet the line.



5. Now, carefully holding the hook and the line at the same time, pull the knot tight until it looks like the knot here. Don't worry if it isn't perfect, with a little practice you'll get it right all the time.



Practice this at home using a shoestring for the line and a belt loop for the eye of the hook, like this:

