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## Easy tie knot step by step

Simple (Small/Oriental) Tie Knot The simple knot, also known as the small or Oriental knot is the easiest to learn and tie. Though not much popular in the West it is widely used in China. It is perfect for tall guys who need some extra length out of their normal size ties. You should wear it on neckties made of thick fabric. It is not suitable for wide-spaced or long collars. How to Tie a Simple (Small) Knot The instructions involve mirror images. Make a note of the front and reverse side of necktie while going through the instructions. How to Tie a Simple (Small) Knot Style Tips It looks good with narrow spread or button down collars. If you like to wear skinny ties, go for this one. Remember to complement it with a skinny suit having a lapel width of maximum 2". Not being a very formal knot, you need not tighten it too much in the last step. In fact, if you are wearing it for casual occasions you may as well loosen it out a little. Compact Good for shorter ties Difficult to untie Slips easily and needs to be retightened The flat and narrow shape makes it unsuitable for silk ties How to Make a Small Tie Knot - Video Whether you are new to wearing ties or are a necktie aficionado the tips below will help you master all the popular necktie knots. The tie knots listed below are sorted by difficulty, starting with the popular and easy to master Four-in-Hand knot, and ending with the more challenging dimpled double Windsor knot. All you need to get started is a necktie, a dress shirt, a mirror, and a little bit of patience. Also, make sure that your hands are clean and well manicured in order to protect the delicate silk fabric of your necktie. Besides ways to tie a necktie you may also want to view our tutorial on How to Tie a Bow Tie, How to Tie an Ascot, as well as How to Fold a Handkerchief. How to Tie a Four in Hand Knot The Four-in-Hand is the perfect tie knot for the novice tie wearer. The knot is easy to tie, holds a good shape and will go well with most shirt collars and necktie styles. The Four in Hand is actually the oldest of all the popular tie knots that are still in common use today. The Four in Hand knot was invented by British horsemen during the end of the 19th century who tied their scarves with one hand while holding the reigns of the four horses drawing the carriage in the other – hence the name four in hand. Although this knot is easy enough to be tied with one hand it is still a popular and fashionable tie knots that is a popular choice even for the necktie aficionado. The Four in Hand is slightly smaller in size, is somewhat asymmetrical, and has a longish shape. IT is best suited for traditional striped ties, such as British regimental ties, and formal solid color ties The Four in Hand looks best when combined with dress shirts that have a narrow to medium collar spread or have button down collars. Four in Hand Instructions: Flip up your collar, button down the top button, and lay the necktie around your neck so that the wide end of the tie hangs 5-6 inches lower than the narrow end. Make sure that the inseam of the tie faces you body. Place the wide end of the necktie over the narrow end, and wrap around. Hold the narrow end down with your other hand. Then, wrap the wide end over the narrow end. Don't pull it tight, but create a loop at front of the unfinished tie knot. Then, loop the wide end of the tie through the gap between unfinished tie knot and your collar. Then take this wide end of the tie and pull it through the loop you created on step #3. Give the Four-in-Hand knot some final adjustment, pull it tight, center it between the collars, and flip the collar back down. You are done! Tying a Half Windsor Knot The half Windsor knot is the smaller brother of the popular Windsor knot - also known as Double Windsor or Full Windsor knot (please scroll down for instructions). The half Windsor is, just like the Four in Hand knot, a smaller tie knot. When compared to the Four-in-Hand, the half Windsor is a little thicker and a touch wider. Tie this type of knot for medium-width collar spread dress shirts. Half-Windsor Knot Instructions: As with all tie knots: Flip up your collars, button the top button and lay the tie around your neck. The wide end of the tie should hang about 5-6 inches lower than the narrow and, and the inside of the tie should have your body. Loop the wide end of the tie thorough the gap between neck and necktie. Pull the wide end of the tie back over to the front. Pull it slightly tight. Then, take this end of the tie and wrap back behind the narrow end of the tie. Then, wrap the wide end of the necktie back over the front of the narrow end. Don't pull tight but create a loop at the front of the unfinished knot. Just like you did in step # 2, pull the wide end of the tie in between your collar and the tie. Then, pull the wide end through the loop you created in step #4. Give the half-Windsor knot a final adjustment and flip down your collars. Done! How to Tie a Necktie with a Kent Knot The Kent-knot is a slightly modified version of the Four-in-Hand knot. It is one of the smallest tie knots making it a perfect choice for very thick ties worn with dress shirts that have a narrow collar spread. Since tying this necktie knot required much less of the tie's length, it is also a good choice knot for big & tall men wearing a regular length tie - although men taller than 6 foot 3 inches are better off wearing Extra Long Ties. Kent Necktie Knot Instructions: Lay the necktie around your neck so that the wide end hangs about 4-5 inches lower than the narrow end. Start by having the inside of your tie face your body, but then flip the wide side of the tie over so that the stitching is showing. Take the wide end of the tie and cross it behind the narrow end. Now take the wide end of the tie and loop it over the narrow end. The "good side" of the necktie should be showing now. Wrap the wide end of your necktie between your neck and the tie and pull through the loop. Slightly pull tight, center the knot, and flip over your collars. Finished! How to Tie the Double Windsor Knot The double Windsor knot, named after the Duke of Windsor, is one of the most popular tie knots, and it is also the type of knot that is most commonly tied the wrong way. If you like the symmetric look, as well as a larger tie knot, then the Double Windsor will be the right knot for you. It is a perfect knot for wide-spread collar dress shirts. Since this type of knot needs two wrappings, more length of the tie is needed. This can make it challenging to tie the tie to the right length - so that the tip of the tie ends near the center of your belt buckle. This is especially the case when tall men or men with a larger neck size try to tie a double Windsor knot with a regular length tie. If this sounds familiar to you then you may want to consider wearing XL length ties. Double Windsor Knot Instructions: Lay the tie around your neck so that the wide end of your tie hangs down about 6-7 inches longer than the narrow end. Cross the wide end over the narrow end. Loop the necktie through the gap between neck and unfinished tie knot. Pull it all the way around and then back behind the narrow end. Now do the same thing on the other side. Wrap the wide end of the tie back over to the front. Pull the wide end back through in between neck and unfinished knot. Don't pull tight, but create a loop in front of the knot. Pull the wide end of the tie through this loop. Pull tight and give the knot a final adjustment. And you are done! How to Tie a Prince Albert Knot The Prince Albert knot is, just like the Full Windsor knot, a so-called double knot that required at least two wrappings. But unlike the double Windsor, the Prince Albert knot is wrapped in the same direction making the knot slightly longer and a little more asymmetric looking. It is a perfect tie knot for thinner neckties, or for shorter men that need a shorter length tie. Prince Albert Tie Knot Instructions: Since this tie requires 2+ wrappings (number of wrappings is personal preference) the wide end of the tie needs to hang much lower than the narrow en. Place the wide end over the narrow end and wrap around. Do this twice or more. The more wrappings the larger the tie knot will be. On the final wrapping create a loop in front of the finished necktie knot. Take the wide end of the tie and pull it in between your neck and the tie and through the loop. Pull slightly tight, give a final adjustment, and flip down the collars. Finished! How to Make a Dimple in Your Necktie Knot The true necktie aficionado takes his time when tying his ties. The knot has to be perfect. What makes a tie knot perfect? First of all the type of knot chosen has to match the tie design, as well as the collar shape of the dress shirt. In addition, the perfect knot has a dimpled look - meaning it has a crevice right where the tie goes inside of the knot. To make a dimpled tie knot is actually quite easy. During the final step of your tie knot, right before tightening, slide a finger inside the loop and carefully fold the tie along the center. Fold the tie all the way up through the knot to ensure the dimple stays in place. Then, carefully tighten the knot while pulling out your finger. With a little bit of practice it really is that simple. If you still have difficulty making a dimple after several attempts, then try it with a different necktie. Different fabric weaves make some ties better suited for a dimpled tie knot than others. Zander Abranowicz So you need to knot up. Don't worry, you've come to the right place. Right here you'll find clear illustrations and simple directions that make learning how to tie any kind of tie knot easy. Choose from popular knots like the Windsor, the four in hand, or the simple knot—even the self-tied bow tie. Just take a look below and start practicing in front of the mirror. A classic knot, and one of the most common, this knot is a favorite of style icons like Sean Connery's James Bond and Tom Ford. Wear it with a more traditionally tailored, non-skinny suit and tie combo. It's also a good knot to use with a spread collar. Unless you are an English soccer player, this is a knot generally worn in a more formal setting. Something that would require a morning suit and a butterfly collar... Slender without being skinny, the four in hand is the knot most commonly used. It's also quite a bit simpler than the Windsor knots and will look good in basically every non-tuxedo situation. The simple knot is exactly that: simple. It's the way to go if you want a really small knot, sort of a 1940s style. And it's also the knot to use with a skinny tie, you will get a thinner knot, a thicker tie will result in a thicker or bigger knot. Of course, that's not the end of it. It also depends on what type of tie knot you choose. A thin tie paired with the Oriental knot will yield a very tiny tie knot. On the other hand, if you have medium-thick tie, maybe you go with a Kelvin knot, because James Bond wouldn't go near a pre-tied bow tie, and who in this world looks better in a tux?/illustrations by Zander Abranowicz This content is created and maintained by a third party, and imported onto this page to help users provide their email addresses. You may be able to find more information about this and similar content at piano.io The tie knot is a visual focal point in your outfit, which helps the viewer to focus on your face. Because of that, it's important to know how to tie a knot that will flatter your appearance. Whether you are just getting started with tie knots or you need a little refresher because you've got an upcoming interview, this guide is for you. Choosing the Right Tie Knot First, I would start with a shirt style and a collar because once you have that, it's easy to choose an accompanying tie knot. This is because the tie knot is something that's up to you, versus the shirt collar is something that you have and you can't just change. Think about the shirt collar as a partner to your tie knot; the tie knot is flexible, the shirt collar is not. If you have a really large Windsor knot with a classic collar, it will look mismatched. Likewise, if you wear an Oriental knot or a four-in-hand knot with an extreme spread collar, it looks off too, because you see a lot of the tie on the side of the knot. COLLARS - classic collar variations On the flip side, if you want your tie knot to look good with your collar, you have to make sure that the knot fills up the space that is left in between your collar. Ideally, you should just see the knot, there should not be any excess band that is visible on the side. Likewise, the knot shouldn't be so big that it's partially covered up by your shirt collar. A little bit of cover-up is okay, but if you have a huge cover-up it just looks odd. While the Maddier Silk Tie in Dark Ruby Red Macclesfield Neats Blue Orange Pattern from Fort Belvedere is attractive, it's also thin-and the use of a small knot leaves too much of the neckband exposed with this spread collar Choosing the Right Tie Knot Size The tie you choose will have a huge impact and how your knot looks. If you choose a thinner tie, you will get a thinner knot, a thicker tie will result in a thicker or bigger knot. Just pull on the shorter end with your right hand while holding the tie knot with your left hand. Some people like to put the slim end through a keeper. Personally, I prefer not to do that, because it's a little more casually elegant that way. If you want, you can also wear a tie bar with it so your tie stays straight all day. Adding a vintage tie bar to a madder silk tie in paisley from Fort Belvedere, note also how it harmonizes with the pinky ring and monkey's fist knot cufflinks The Four-In-Hand Knot This is probably one of my favorite knots because it's asymmetrical and it's very simple to tie, so it works with most medium-thick and thicker ties. It's also my knot of choice for knit ties, because anything bigger is just too dramatic. Even though there are dozens of possible tie knots out there, the four-in-hand is probably the most popular around the world. It's very similar to an Oriental knot, but it starts with the seam side facing down towards your chest or neck. Just like the Oriental, it's also great for collar pins and collar clips, because it's very small, too. Here's how to do it: First, drape the tie around your neck with the wide end on the left side and the thin end on your right side. Again, you want to adjust the length so the slim end is shorter. Typically, it ends about a hand width above my pants' waistband. Cross the wide end over the slim end with the seam facing towards your chest. Pinch the intersection, and wrap the wider end once around, 360 degrees. This will form an opening over your left index finger. You can pull the wide end from behind; pull all the way through, and then put it through that hole you just created. With your right index finger and thumb, hold the knot and with your left hand, and pull the wide end through that little knot. Before finally tightening the knot, pinch the top part so you get that desired dimple, then pull the knot tight and ultimately, hold it with your left hand. With your right hand pulling the slimmer end, wiggle it up so it fits neatly in the desired collar space. A four-in-hand knot can work with a spread collar if the tie is thicker and bulkier. (tie: Houndstooth Bourette Silk Tie in Navy Blue and Beige - Fort Belvedere) You don't want it to be more on one side or the other; you want it right in the middle, so it's not overlapped and it looks neat. Again, this is an asymmetrical knot, so depending on the tie you have, it may look more asymmetrical, but this is a desired part of the look. The Kelvin Knot The Kelvin knot is basically an Oriental knot that's more voluminous because you wrap the tie around once more, thus giving you a bigger knot. The method is similar to the first one, and you can follow it easily through the steps below. Again, drape the tie around your neck with the wider end on your left, the shorter end on your right. Also, adjust the length so the slimmer end is about a hand width above your pants' waistband. Cross the slim end over the wide end and pinch it with your index finger. Fold the wider end over the intersection of your pinched fingers, go once around, and pull it really tight. Once again, pinch that part with your thumb and index finger of your left hand. Wrap the wide end around once more, come through the back, and pull it up gently. Take the wider end, put it through the hole you just created, and pull it down, while you have your left hand holding the knot. With your right hand, pull on the wider end and pull it through. It's important that you pull that wide end through only the outer, top loop, not both--otherwise, your knot might look odd because there will be two layers that can be seen. As before, make sure there's a little crease in the end so you get that desired dimple, and then once the knot is tight, pull it up. A Note on Tie Length Once the tie is fully tied, you ideally want the wide end and the slim end to be exactly the same length, ending at about the middle of your belt buckle. Sometimes, it can be a little shorter, sometimes it can be a little longer. If you're a tall guy and you have a long torso, you will need a longer tie. If you're a shorter gentleman, you need a shorter tie. We at the Gentleman's Gazette and Fort Belvedere understand that different men need different tie lengths, and so all of our threefold ties come in short, regular, and long lengths, so you can find the right tie for your needs. Conclusion Now that you know the three easiest tie knots and you understand how to pair them with your collars, you're ready to go to a cocktail night, to a business interview, or any other occasion where a tie is required or desired. Happy tying! What's your favorite simple tie knot, and how do you wear it? Share with us in the comments below!

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