

Ian's Shoelace Site

Welcome to Ian's Shoelace Site



Fun, fashion & science in the Internet's #1 website about shoelaces – and home of the [Ian Knot](#), the world's fastest shoelace knot. If you want to lace shoes, tie shoes or learn about shoelaces – this is the place!

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Lacing Shoes

Contains over 100 × step-by-step shoe lacing tutorials, over 2,700 × shoe lacing photos, plus the interactive “Create-a-Lace” for designing your own lacing.



Tying Shoes

Contains 25 × shoelace knots (including my world's fastest “*Ian Knot*”), plus info on tying correctly so that they sit straight and stay securely tied – yet can be untied without jamming.



Learn About Shoelaces

Heaps of knowledge about shoelaces, including their construction, length calculations – even what the tips are called, as well as Ian's interviews, articles, Q&As and more.



About

Information about this website and the site's author, Ian Fieggen – including Ian's contact details. Also info on this site's sponsors plus various ways that **you**, too, can support Ian.



Connect With Professor Shoelace

Contact Ian Fieggen via e-mail or connect with “Professor Shoelace” via YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook or RSS feed.



Search This Site

Looking for something? This website has more than **300 pages** – which can be daunting to wade through! Search the whole of *Ian's Shoelace Site* using Google Custom Search.

Today's Photo

15-Jan-2026

Today's pic from the archives was contributed by Rainah in Feb-2008.

Yellow & black Converse high-tops with white trim laced with black **Ladder Lacing**.

These sneakers are supposed to have a rough, thrift-store look.



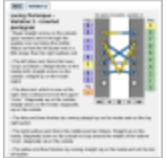
[More Shoe Lacing Photos](#)

What's New?



Updated “Interviews & Articles”

04-Dec-2025 – During Australia's marriage equality debate, PUMA engaged me to create the “Equality Knot”, then sent a film crew to shoot this “content piece” video.



Updated “Pentagram Lacing”

02-Dec-2025 – Following a visitor request, I added diagrams for the inverted variation of Pentagram Lacing for 7, 6 and 5 pairs of eyelets.



Updated “Shoe Lacing Methods”

28-Nov-2025 – Following a suggestion from a website visitor, I added buttons to filter by either “Shortening” or “Lengthening” methods.



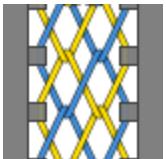
Updated “Interviews & Articles”

10-Nov-2025 – Added Ian's interview from Dec-2016 with **The Stuph File** about my Shoelace Site, from its humble beginnings through to the extensive and respected website that it is today.



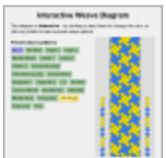
Updated “Interviews & Articles”

06-Nov-2025 – Added Ian's interview from Sep-2015 with **BBC Radio 4**, which coincided with “back to school” in the UK, covered teaching kids to tie their shoes for the first time.



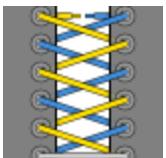
Added “Lug Woven Lacing”

29-Oct-2025 – This website has long included “Woven Lacing” for shoes with **eyelets**. A recent visitor-contributed photo prompted me to add **Lug Woven Lacing** for shoes with **lugs**.



Updated “Shoelace Construction”

14-Oct-2025 – Added an interactive **Shoelace Weave Diagram**, which allows you to experiment with creating shoelace weave patterns thread-by-thread.



Updated “CAF Combat Boot Lacing”

07-Oct-2025 – Added animated images plus explanations of how “CAF Combat Boot Lacing” can be efficiently **laced** and efficiently **tightened**.

Recent Visitor Feedback

As a fellow educator, thank you for all the work you do!

– Paul D., USA, Jan-2026

Nice to receive praise from Paul for my website's educational angle – and to top it off with a donation! Thanks, Paul.

– Ian Fieggen

I have been using your secure shoelace knot for over a decade now it is perfect. I love your website it is early internet par excellence. Thank you for the font of knowledge you have so graciously shared with the world all these years.

– Alexander R., USA, Jan-2026

Alexander's generous comments about my knot and my website were warmly received – as was his equally generous donation. Thank you, Alexander.

– Ian Fieggen

Long timer user of your knot, first time tipper.

– Alexey B., Canada, Jan-2026

Alexey's tip was the "icing on top" after having also adopted my knot – thanks!

– Ian Fieggen

I've used this website for YEARS, I'm happy to chip in some money to keep one of the last good websites going.

– Dannel J., USA, Jan-2026

Dannel "chipped in" a very generous "chunk" of financial support – thanks!

– Ian Fieggen

Came across the Aftermath article mentioning your site. Keep up the good fight!

– Alvaro G., Jan-2026

Alvaro was also kind enough to send a welcome donation – thanks for helping me fight the fight!

– Ian Fieggen

Thanks for your great tutorials!

– Luca B., Jan-2026

Luca's appreciative comments were accompanied by an equally appreciated donation – thanks, Luca!

– Ian Fieggen

If you'd also like to send feedback, please [Contact Ian](#).

“Must See” Links



Ian Knot

Tie your shoes in a split second with my “*Ian Knot*”, the World’s Fastest Shoelace Knot.



Granny Knot

Check you're **not** tying a “*Granny Knot*”, which sits crooked and comes loose.

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