

# 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!

## Table of Contents



### 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.



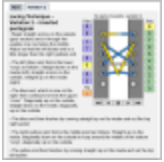
[More Shoe Lacing Photos](#)

# 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.



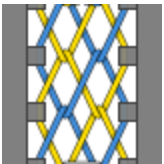
## Updated “Interviews & Articles”

**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.



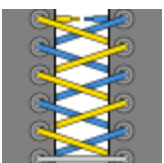
## Added “Lug Woven Lacing”

**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

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

– Paul D., USA, Jan-2026

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

– Ian Fieggen

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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

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

– Ian Fieggen

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Long timer user of your knot, first time tipper.

– Alexey B., Canada, Jan-2026

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

– Ian Fieggen

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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

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*Dannel “chipped in” a very generous “chunk” of financial support – thanks!*

– Ian Fieggen

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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

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Thanks for your great tutorials!

– Luca B., Jan-2026

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

– Ian Fieggen

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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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