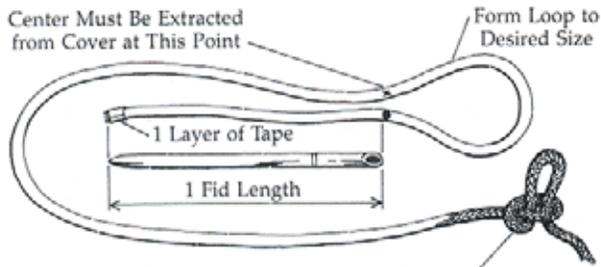
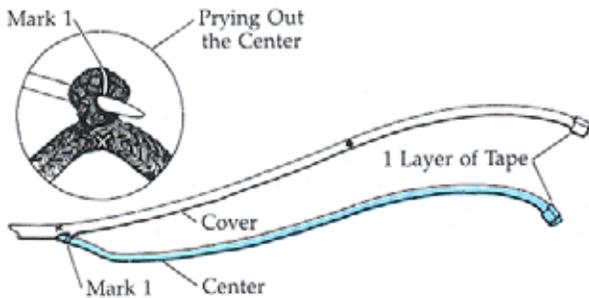


Double Braid Eye Splice

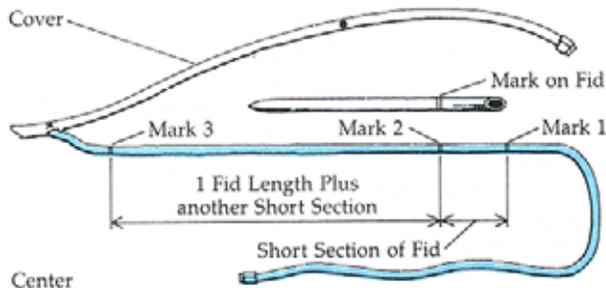


Tie a Slip Knot about 5 Fid Lengths from Point x

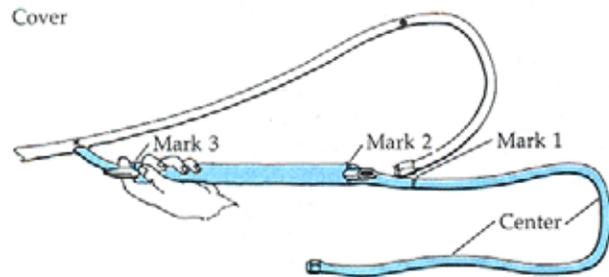
1. Trim end to be spliced and loosely tape to keep from unraveling. Make a visible **dot** 1-fid length from end. From **dot**, form loop the size of eye you want and mark with **X**. Tie a slip knot at least 5-fid lengths from the end.



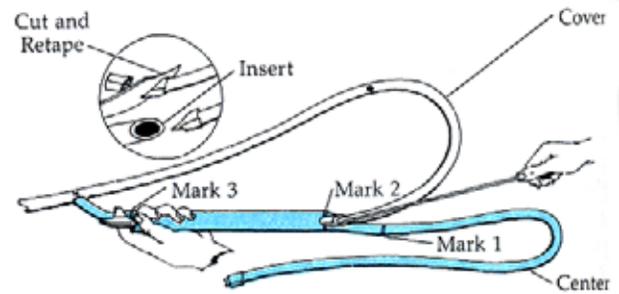
2. Pull out the core at **X** by bending the rope sharply and using the fid or a marlinespike to carefully pull out the core from in between the braids of the cover. Immediately mark the center core as **#1** with a single ring or unique color before pulling out the remaining core from **X** to the end. Tape the end of the core to keep from unraveling. If rope has paper tape inside the cover, remove all the way back to the slip knot.



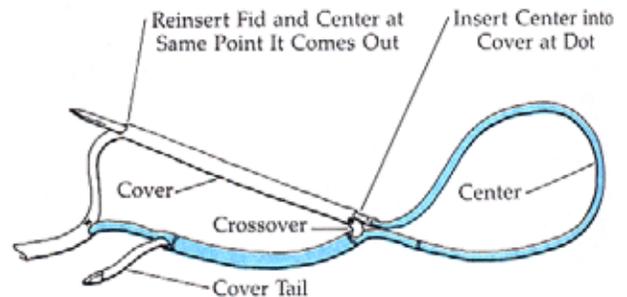
3. Pull out more of the center core. From mark **#1** measure a distance of one **short-fid** and mark **#2** as two rings or another distinctive color. Then measure a distance of one **short-fid plus one-fid** and mark **#3** as three rings or another distinctive color.



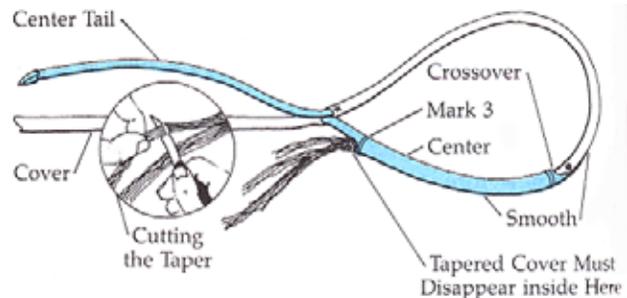
4. Insert the fid between the braids into the center core at **#2** and slide it through the "tunnel" until the point comes out at **#3**.



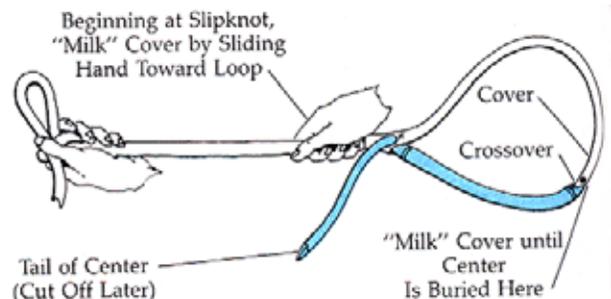
5. Cut diagonally across the tip of the cover to make a point and re-tape. If the final loop is to hold a shackle or other object, insert now. Jam this pointed end of the cover into the hollow end of the fid then use jam the pusher into the end of the fid securely and push the fid and cover through the center core until the **dot** on the cover almost disappears at **#2**.



6. Now push the center core through the cover beginning at the **dot** and coming out at **X** using the same technique as in Step 5. Pull the center core through the cover until taught then pull the cover tail at **#3** until taught. With large eyes, multiple passes may be needed – simply re-insert fid at the point where it came out.



7. Unravel the cover tail braid all the way back to **#3** and trim the strands at different lengths to form a taper. Hold the splice at the crossover **dot** and smooth the center core until it covers the tapered threads of the cover tail and disappears into **#3**,



8. From the slipknot, "milk" the cover towards the eye and over the exposed center core. Gloves may be helpful to protect your hands when "milking" the cover. Continue until all of the center core and crossover are buried. Trim core tail and fuse.