

Maintenance:

Before using your rope check it for high stranding, wear and tear. If it is high stranded, reset it. If you note that the rope is worn you should mark it for floor use only, so as not to use it for suspension.

Store your rope in a dry, airtight space. Moisture can cause rope to form bacteria.

Ensure that you check the bite often. This is where the most wear and tear will occur. Keep this section supple and try to alternate where you fold the rope to help it live longer.

When the bite begins to fail, consider cutting the rope in two and using it as short pieces, rather than risking harm

Resetting Rope

If the rope is high stranded, work the rope with your hands, turning the rope one way and rubbing the strands the other, trying to stretch the high strand back in place.

When the rope tension is not correct (it is kinking or loose) you can RESET it by looping it through a carabiner and over itself and pulling the rope one section at a time, maintaining contact and pressure on the side that is pulling at all times, allowing the working ends to twist or untwist as needed.

If necessary you can untie the end of your rope, respin the loose section, then retie it.

With proper care jute can last decades and hemp nearly as long! Rope is an investment, love your rope!

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Guide to caring for
Hemp and Jute

About Natural Fibers

Jute and Hemp are made from natural fibers. Over time use will cause the fibers to wear and shorten. This is Normal, but we can ensure we maintain our rope to help increase it's longevity.

We can:

- * Avoid putting rope on sharp edges, jagged corners or materials and so forth.

- * Strive to keep rope dry.

- * Ensure our rope is kept oiled/waxed to protect it

New Rope:

New rope is often “raw” or untreated. It may be fuzzy and rough. Hemp rope has a lot of loose fibers when untreated, and jute can be very scratchy. You CAN just use it, and break it in with use, skin oils and time. Some bunnies/rope bottoms frown upon having untreated rope on their skin, and it will make a holy hell mess with fibers being left everywhere unless treated.

Treating New Rope

As noted, all of these steps are optional. There is no one right way to treat rope. Find what works for you.

1. Knock off loose fibers

This is done by threading rope through a ring or carabiner, over itself then drawing it over itself 2-4 times.

2. Singe off remaining fibers.

This is done by passing rope through a gas flame. (NOT a CANDLE). You will want to use the cool part of the flame.

3. Use a clean damp rag to clean off the soot.

4. Use a damp rag. Add some oil and oil your rope lightly. You will want to massage this into the rope.

5. If you want your rope to be 'fast', coat it lightly with rope wax, melt the wax (while on the rope) in the oven (250 degrees for 15 minutes) or the microwave (1 minute) until wax is melted, then rub this over the outer layers of the rope.

RAW JUTE

If your jute smells like kerosene you will need to get rid of the JBO (jute batching oil). To do this you boil the rope in water for 20 minutes, rinse, repeat x2, then either let it dry in the sun (not recommended) or bake it at 250 for 4-6 hours until the stench disappears. You will need to take extra precautions (ventilation, masks etc).

Cleaning Rope

Hemp rope can be washed. Note that it will leave a holy hell mess in the lint trap, which you MUST clean out. Washing rope does cause some issues. It will need to be lightly dried, then hung under tension and RESET.

I do not recommend washing JUTE.

BOTH:

Both these ropes can be sanitized with UV light (direct sunshine for 4+ hours, or with a lamp designed to clean).

If you wax your rope you can lightly wipe it with a damp rag if it becomes soiled. DO NOT WASH ROPE ONCE IT IS WAXED.