

# HOW TO TIE A TIE

Five knots every man should know

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Though you might give tying your tie as much thought as tying your shoes, you should know that the knot you sport is just as important a style choice as the color, design, or fabric of the tie. The knot does a lot to enhance your overall look. While it may seem like a small detail, it's important to remember that attention to detail is what makes it possible to look great.

With any knot you tie, always check for two things—that the end of the tie meets the top of your belt and that the knot is snugly centered between the tips of your collar. All it takes is a little practice and before long you'll be tying ties in your sleep. So let's get started.

## The Windsor

Thick, triangular, and perfectly symmetric, the Windsor is the king of knots. Its presence demands attention, so it's great for a big presentation. Because of its width, the Windsor is best worn with a spread collar shirt and on men with a larger build.



1. Looking into a mirror, start with wide end of tie on your right and extend a foot below narrow end, then cross wide end over narrow end.



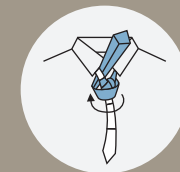
2. Bring wide end up through loop and back down to your left.



3. Bring wide end around behind narrow end, then up on your right...



4. ...over and back down on your right pulling it tightly.



5. Pass wide end across and then up through loop.



6. Pull wide end down through knot in front. Tighten carefully and draw up to collar.

## The Four-in-Hand

If you're new to tie tying, try this one for starters. The Four-in-Hand is a very common knot and one of the easiest to remember. Slightly asymmetric and on the slender side, this knot looks best with a narrow collar spread and a medium-width tie.



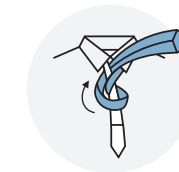
1. Looking into a mirror, start with wide end of tie on your right and extend a foot below narrow end.



2. Cross wide end over narrow end and back underneath.



3. Continue around, passing wide end across front of narrow end once more.



4. Pass wide end up through loop.




5. Holding front of knot loose with index finger, pass wide end down through loop in front.




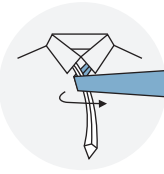
6. Remove finger and tighten carefully, then draw knot up to collar.

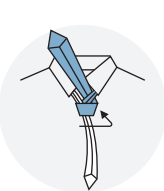
# The Small Knot


No tricks. No fancy names. Just a small knot that's incredibly easy to tie. It's even more basic than the Four-in-Hand, so if you're going for an understated look, this is your knot. It's also a good option for taller guys because it gives the tie more length than a thicker knot.

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1. Reverse tie. Looking into a mirror, start with wide end of tie on your right and extend a foot below narrow end.
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2. Cross wide end behind narrow end.
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3. Bring wide end back across front of narrow end.
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4. Lift wide end up through loop.
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5. Pull wide end down through knot in front. Tighten carefully and draw up to collar.


# The Half Windsor

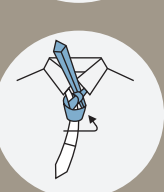
The Windsor is a lot of knot. But sometimes it's too much. The Half Windsor gives you the same shape with half the bulk. Its medium size makes it very versatile and wearable with any collar type. Light- to medium-weight fabrics work best with this knot.


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1. Looking into a mirror, start with wide end of tie on your right and extend a foot below narrow end.
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2. Cross wide end over narrow end and back underneath.
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3. Bring up and turn down through loop.
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4. Pass wide end around front from left to right.
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5. Then, up through loop, and...
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6. ...down through knot in front. Tighten carefully and draw up to collar.

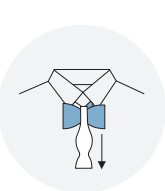
# The Bow Tie


The bow tie is back and it's more fashionable than ever. No longer is the bow tie reserved for black tie events. Today, it can be worn as part of your everyday business dress or out for a night on the town. Just remember, keep it solid black or white for the most formal events.


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1. Looking into a mirror, extend left end of tie 1 1/2" below right end.
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2. Cross longer end over shorter end and pass up through loop.
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3. Form front loop of bow by doubling up shorter end (hanging) and placing across collar points.
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4. Hold this front loop with thumb and forefinger of left hand. Drop long end down over front.
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5. Place right forefinger pointing up on bottom half of hanging part of tie. Pass up behind front loop and...
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6. ...poke resulting loop through knot behind front loop. Even ends and tighten.

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