

HOW TO TIE A TIE

As a service to the more fashion challenged, www.ScoutDB.org presents the following primer on how to tie a tie. Note that all images below are mirror images. That is, it is what you would see when looking into the mirror. For more help, check out the video at: <http://www.how-to-tie-a-tie-video.com/>

The Windsor Knot

Wide and triangular - for wide spread shirt collars



1. Start with wide end of the tie on your right and extending a foot below narrow end.
2. Cross wide end over narrow and bring up through loop.
3. Bring wide end down around behind narrow and up on your right.
4. Then put down through loop and around across narrow as shown.
5. Turn and pass up through loop and...
6. Complete by slipping down through the knot in front. Tighten and draw up snug to collar.

The Half-Windsor Knot

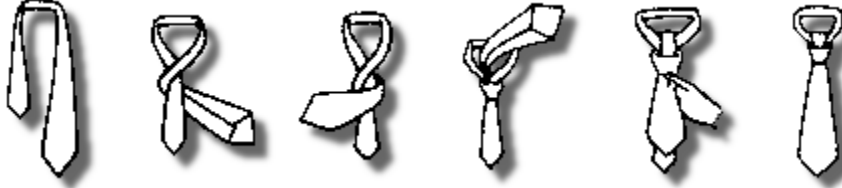
Medium symmetrical triangle - for standard shirt collars



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

The Four-In-Hand Knot

Long and straight - to complement a standard shirt collar



1. Start with wide end of the tie on your right and extending a foot below narrow end.
2. Cross wide end over narrow and back underneath.
3. Continue around passing wide end across front of narrow once more.
4. Pass side 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 knot carefully. Draw up tight to collar by holding narrow end and sliding knot snug.

The Bow Tie

For the man who dresses with a certain flair



1. Start with end in left hand, extending 1.5 inch below that in right hand.
2. Cross longer end over shorter and pass up through loop.
3. Form front loop of bow by doubling up shorter end (hanging) end placing across collar points.
4. Hold this front loop with thumb and forefinger of left hand. Drop long end down over front.
5. Place right forefinger pointing up on bottom half of hanging part. Pass up behind front loop and...
6. Poke resulting loop though knot behind front loop (see illustration). Even ends and tighten.