

The Rope Halter

Get it all tied up ... correctly!

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1. Keeping the nose of the halter open, slide it up the horse's nose and pull the tail of the halter across the top of the horse's poll. I like to pet on my horses to get them relaxed about having their heads handled.
2. Thread the tail of the halter through the loop on the left side of the halter and pull the halter snug to the horse's head.
3. Starting from the right, run the tail underneath the halter loop.
4. Pull the tail back through (away from the horse's eye) the circle you've created.
5. Tighten.
6. A correctly tied bowline knot.
7. In Step 3, if you make your circle *above* the halter loop, you'll end up with an incorrectly tied knot like this. If your horse pulls back, you won't be able to untie this knot. ☹

