

The Hitching Rail

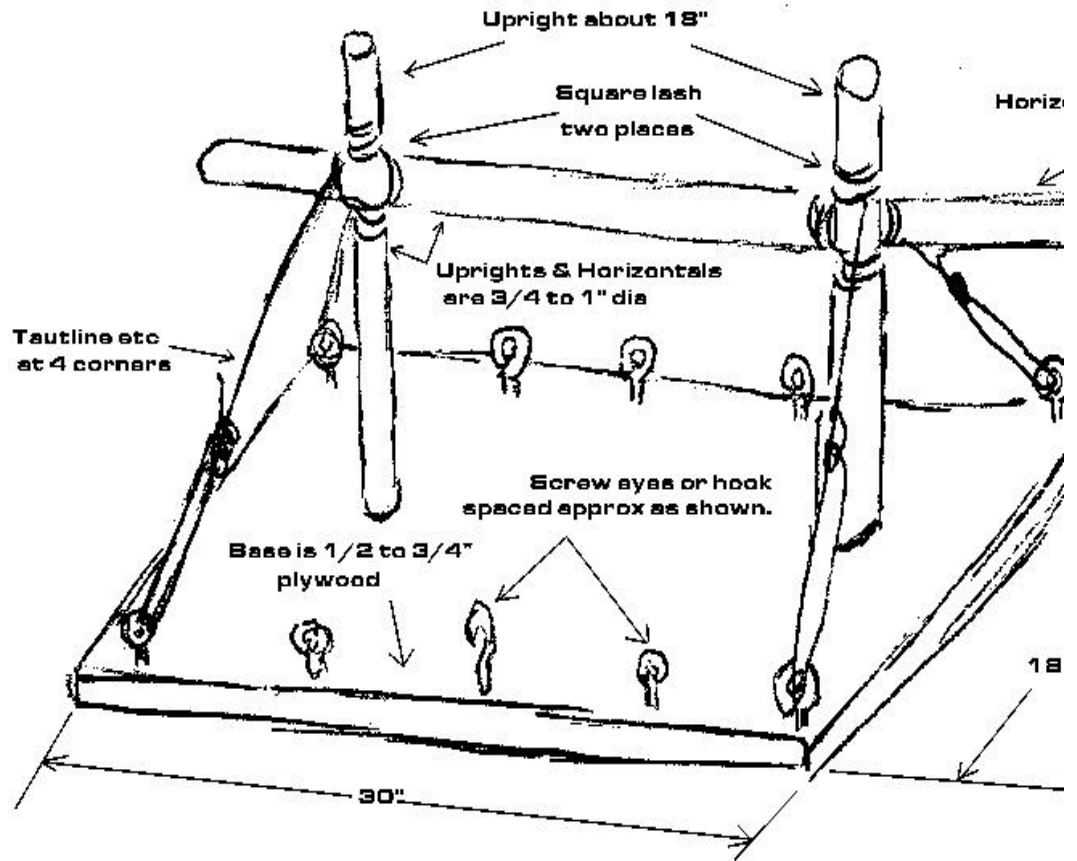
Most of the basic Scout knots involve tying to an object in some way. This is easy to do outdoors and chair and table legs can be used as a substitute indoors.

However the hitching rail arrangement illustrated below will serve as a useful teaching tool for the rainy day when you cannot get outside. It also solves the problem of driving tent pegs into the troop room floor which most of our charter organizations frown on.

Construction is not all that exact but approximate dimensions for a table top version are shown.

Now that I have it what do I do with it?

1. Supply the appropriate number of lines and let pairs of Scouts challenge each other face to face in the six basic knots.
2. Use the base for mini-pioneering projects.
3. Set up at pre-opening to let Scouts practice their skills.
4. It makes demonstrating actual use easier.



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