Coiling Rope by Craig Caudill (A skill you never learn, but you should!)

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Rope is a valuable tool, but can be rendered useless if it is not stored correctly. You know exactly what I am talking about... that coiled up, knotted mess that becomes more of a hindrance than a help. It is imperative you learn how to store your rope correctly to avoid knots and kinks. In this video, you will learn rope-storing basics that will save you a lot of time, energy and frustration. The last thing you want in a survival situation is to be dealing with something that was totally preventable.

There are three basic styles to storing rope. The common coil, daisy chain and the mountaineer’s coil are just a few ways to store rope. Each style has its own advantages. You will want to choose the style that is right for you and your needs. If you are looking for a quick and simple unwind, the daisy chain is an ideal option.

In this video, you can watch demonstrations on how to properly store your ropes. It is pretty difficult to describe the actual methods with words alone, so you will need a visual. Don’t expect to grab a piece of rope and mimic the actions in the video. This is a skill and like any new skill, it will take some practice to get right. Along with that, don’t learn how to make a coil and then never do it again. To stay proficient at any skill, you need regular practice.

Rope coils are easily stored anywhere you may need them. Learning how to make these coils will certainly make any survival situation a little easier as well as your daily life. The coils are easily stored in your car, garage, in or on your backpack and anywhere else you may need quick and easy access to rope. In this particular video, the rope is a thicker variety, but that does not mean these tips only apply to that kind of rope. These coiling tips will work for the very desirable paracord, extension cords and any other type of rope or corded material.

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