

These instructions for making a quick and simple rope halter have been included at the request of one of our members. Short of having been able to find the instructions in one of my files I got busy and photographed making one. I hope these pictures and instructions are clear enough to assist anyone wanting to make a basic halter. There are number of ways to do each step so play around until you get it the way you want it.

There are a few reminders for when you are making your halter. Choose a rope that is sufficiently strong and weather resistant. Ensure you take care when using heat to finish the ends of your synthetic rope. Take notice of the length of rope used in these instructions. It can be dangerous to have too much length. If you find your halter is too long cut off the extra length and re-finish the end.

Step 1: You will need approximately 3mts of twisted rope. (the length is optional and can be whatever you need for your particular use. Excessive length on halters can pose some risks when working with cattle. Ensure excess rope does not become entangled or is allowed to fall around your feet.)

Step 2: The ends of the rope must be sealed to prevent fraying. There are a number of ways to heat and shape the ends of your rope halter. Some people use their calf debudders. (the example used in this article has been sealed using this method.) However you choose is up to you but be aware that melted synthetics can cause serious burns. Make sure you wear gloves, preferably wet, and take extreme care. Kids wanting to make halters should get an adult to assist with the first step. Cotton and jute ropes require different methods of finishing the ends.

Step 3: Place a mark on your rope at approximately, 45cm (18inches). Pull out one strand (ply) of your twisted rope at the mark.

Hold the end of the rope nearest the mark in your left hand and the loop in the right hand. Take the end up and over to your right hand and down through the loop you pulled out at the 45cm mark.



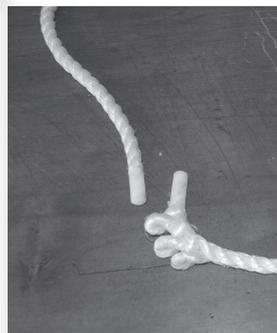
Step 4: At the end of your rope (the end nearest the loop you have just made) you are going to make three loops.

Start closest to where your rope end has been sealed off.

Pull a single strand (ply) up and twist so it stays in a loop. Do this three times so you have a line of loops.



Step 5: Hold this with the end of the rope pointing up. Take the other end of the rope and pass it down through the loops one at a time. Pull it right through until the top loop is approximately the right size for a cows head. Now you should be able to see your halter coming together. Note : this can be done so the little "tail" on the end is facing down not up"



Step 6: Now you should be able to see your halter taking shape.

All you have to do now is pass the remaining end of you rope through the loop you made which is on the left hand side. You have now made your first rope halter.

