The Monkey's Fist

• First lay the line across the fingers of the left hand, leaving a good amount of end to work with. The size of your monkey's fist determines how many fingers you use. If you want a smaller size, use fewer fingers.

  Hold the standing part with your left thumb.

• Then take three turns around the fingers, which are separated as shown in illustration #1.

• Now take three turns at right angles, as in illustrations #2 and #3 through the fingers and around the first three turns.

• At this point the knot is removed from the fingers and a third set of three turns is made around the second set and inside the first set.

• Then insert wooden bead, far a filler. This will determine the size of your monkey's fist and keep your key ring afloat.

• When you start snuggling up the line to make it tight around the filler, leave the middle line slack enough to form a loop for your key ring, (see illustration #4 by the arroyo).

• Keep snuggling up around it but keep a loop. Attach the key ring and secure with a half hitch as shown in photograph.

• When the final ends are pulled thru (illustration #5) cut them off snug and tuck them in alongside the line, out of sight. Use a small tapered wooden stick to tuck in the line.