

# 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, for a filler. This will determine the size of your monkey's fist and keep your key ring afloat.

- When you start snugging 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 snugging 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.

