

BOWSPRIT JIBSAIL NET

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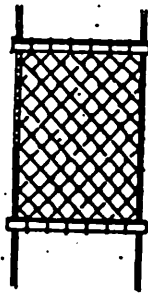
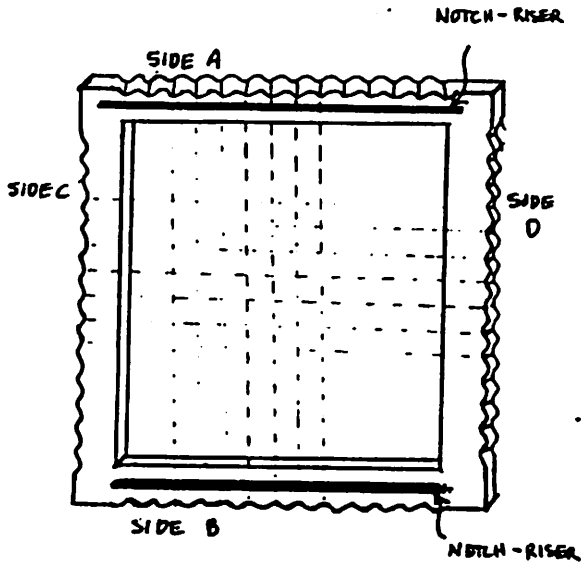


FIGURE A

This little article tries to tell how to make the net which is located above the bowsprit and is used to store the jibsails when hauling in, etc. Figure A shows a picture of the completed netting between two lines with wood at either end.

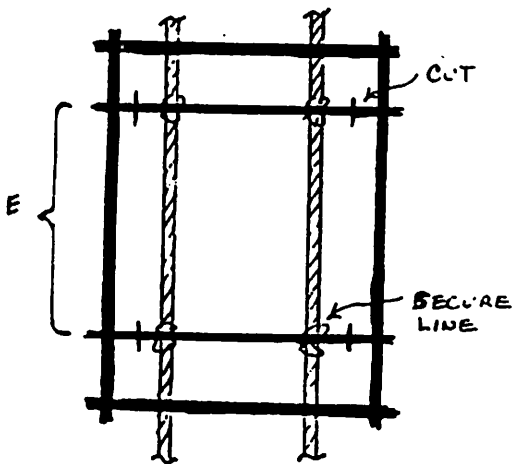
The first jig used is shown in sketch No. 1. Four pieces of wood are put together with notches cut as shown, like a picture frame. Side A & B have small pieces of wood (notch-riser in sketch) to make the line taught. Wrap the smallest line around this frame from side A to B first as shown in sketch No. 1, making as many turns as required for the size of net. The space between the notches determines the size of the square. Next, wrap line from side D to C, again as many turns as is required. Then brush "hot stuff", clear nail polish or something equal to glue the lines together. When dry, cut out your net.



SKETCH #1

JIG FOR MAKING NETS

Now, go to the jig shown in Sketch No. 2, which is simply made out of 1/32 inch basswood. Set the line on the jig at the location where the net will be and secure it to the two inner pieces of wood. The length E is the length of your net (See Figure A). Take the net which you cut from the jig in sketch No. 1 and position the netting at a 45 degree angle (see Figure A) on the fig shown in sketch No. 2. Tie the net to the line and to the two end boards of jig. Trim away the excess netting not required. Finally, cut the end boards as indicated and your netting is complete. Be sure the line used to tie the netting to is long enough to go from the knightheads to the bowsprit caps and that the netting is positioned in the right location along the line.



SKETCH #2

JIG FOR BOWSPRIT NET
BASKET