



# How to Tie a Tie: Pratt

Instructions for how to tie a Pratt knot.

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## INTRODUCTION

**Active End:** The end of the tie that will be used to tie the knot. This can be either the wide end or narrow end of the tie depending on the tie knot.

**Front Side:** The side of the tie without the seam down the middle.

**Under Side:** The side of the tie with the seam down the middle and clothing tags visible.

**Shirt Collar:** A band of material around the neck of a shirt that can either be folded or unfolded.

**Neck Loop:** The loop of the tie that goes around the collar.

**Keeper Loop:** A piece of fabric that is sewn onto the underside of the wide end of the tie that can be used to keep the narrow end of the tie hidden.

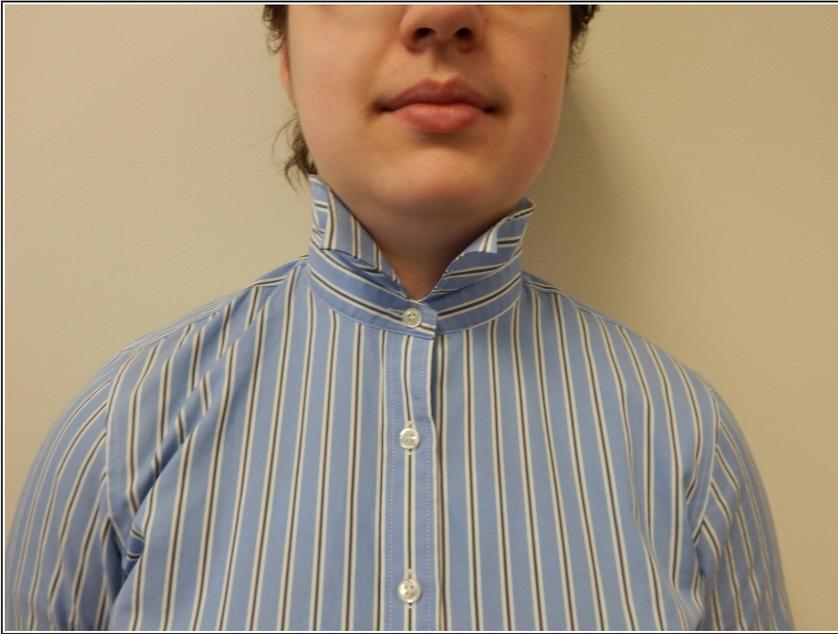
**The Pratt:** A simple knot that is not as commonly used as the Half-Windsor, but is considered unique and elegant. The knot is usually a medium size knot, somewhere between a Four-in-Hand and a Half-Windsor.

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### PARTS:

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## Step 1 — Preparation



- Fold the collar of your shirt up.

## Step 2



- Wrap the tie around the back of your neck with the narrow end on the left side of your body and the wide end on the right side.
  - The wide end of the tie will be your active end.
- Note:** the narrow end of the tie should be around the height of your belly button or a little higher. It may need to be adjusted for personal height.

## Step 3 — Tying



- Take the active end and cross it under the narrow end, so that it points to the left.
- ⓘ **Note:** be sure that the tie always lays flat so there are no twists in the fabric.

## Step 4



- Lift the active end up, so that it is now pointing up.

## Step 5



- Pull the active end through the loop around your neck, so that it is now pointing down and to the left.

## Step 6



- Cross the active end over the front of the knot, so that it is now pointing to the right.
- ⓘ **Note:** leave this wrap a little loose, as it will be used in step 8.

## Step 7



- Pull the active end up through the neck loop, so that it is now pointing up.

## Step 8



- Pull the active end down through the wrap you created in step 6 (see **second picture**).

## Step 9 — Finishing



- Tighten the knot by pulling down on the active end and up on the knot, adjusting for size and evenness.

## Step 10



- Tighten the neck loop by pulling down on the narrow end of the tie and sliding the knot up toward your neck.

## Step 11



- Tuck the narrow end of the tie through the keeper loop.
- ⓘ **Note:** if the narrow end is too long, a simple solution lies in tucking the narrow end between two buttons of your shirt.
- Fold your collar down when the knot is finished.

Congratulations! You've successfully tied the Pratt knot!