Knot Placement On The Uniform



How many knots can you wear and how do you properly display knots on your uniforms?

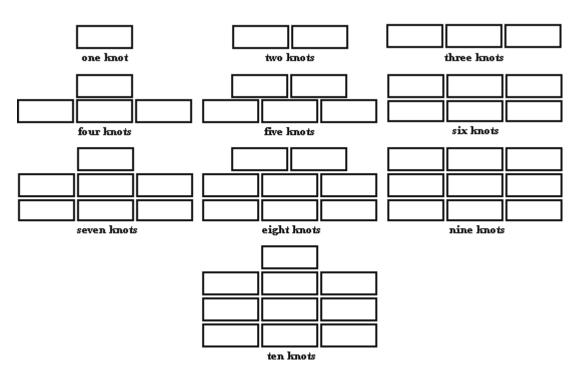
You may wear as many different knots as you would like, but the uniform insignia committee in the past has recommended that not more than 15 knots be worn. You may only wear one of each knot. If you have earned the same knot more than once - for example, the Scouter Key and Commissioner Key, you would wear a single knot with two devices to denote multiple awards.

There is no order of precedence as to what knot is worn in what order. You can wear them in the order of importance to yourself, the order earned, etc. To keep your uniform sharp, however, you should group the knots properly. As a general rule, the knots should

not be worn when the medal, medallion or device is worn. The knots are designed for informal, everyday wear by Scouts and Scouters including Professional Scouters.

The knots are worn centered on the left side of the uniform, above the left pocket and in rows of three with the bottom edge of the knot emblem touching the top edge of the pocket flap. Subsequent rows of knots are placed above the initial set, in rows of three and again, at the discretion of the wearer. See the image below for proper placement of knots.

While there is no order for wearing the knot awards, there is a proper way for each knot award to be displayed. The loop of the embroidered square knot that comes in front of the standing part is always to the wearer's right. In other words, the loop of the knot that is on top of the knot goes to the wearer's right. The photos above depict the knots as they would appear to someone looking at the knot on the uniform.



Knot Device Pins

When an award is given to a Scout or Scouter that also has a related square knot, the knot may be worn by itself on the uniform or with one of the devices depicted below to indicate the program phase where the award was earned. For example, a Unit Commissioner that earns the Commissioner Key (same knot as the Scouter Key) would wear the Commissioner device. If a Scout or Scouter earns a subsequent award represented by the same knot, the Scout or Scouter should wear a device for each program phase where the knot was earned (you do not wear multiple issues of the same knot). For example, a Scout that earns a sequence of religious emblems as a Cub Scout, Webelos, and Boy Scout would wear the universal religious emblem knot and three devices -- one each for Cub Scouting, Webelos, and Boy Scouting.