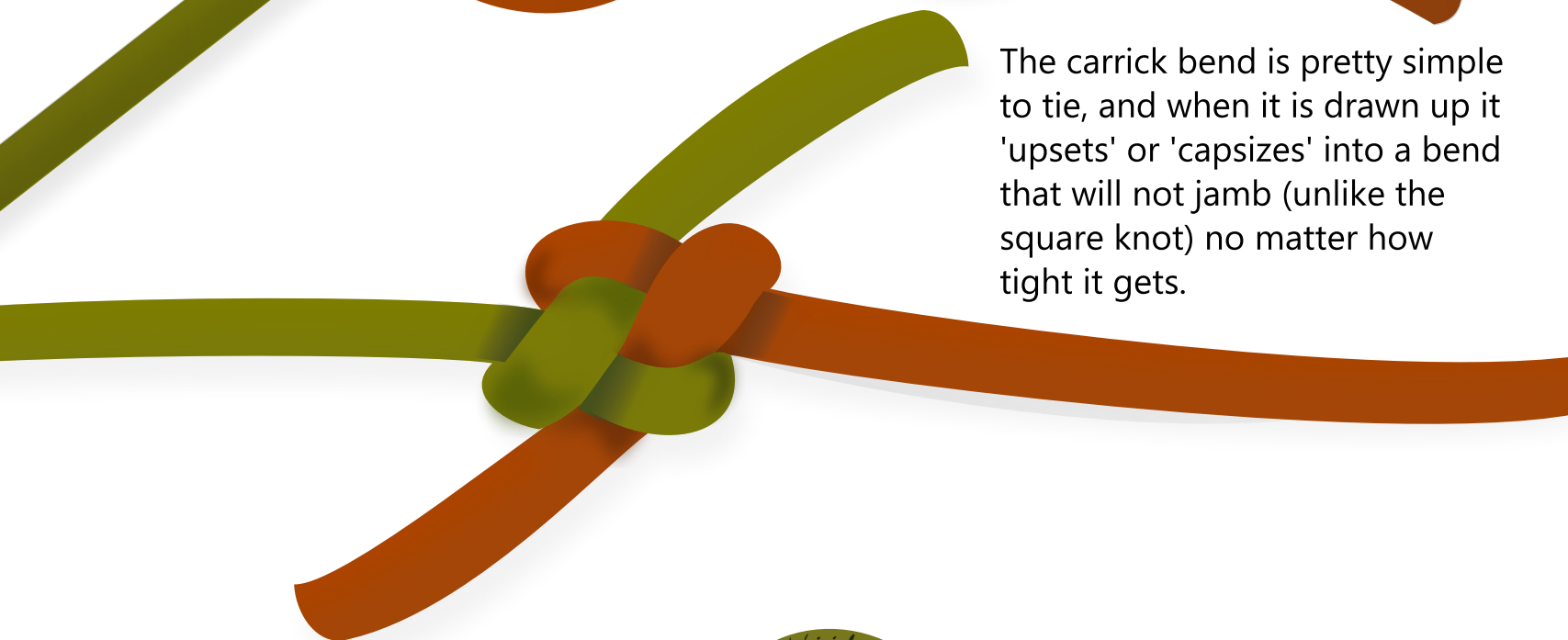
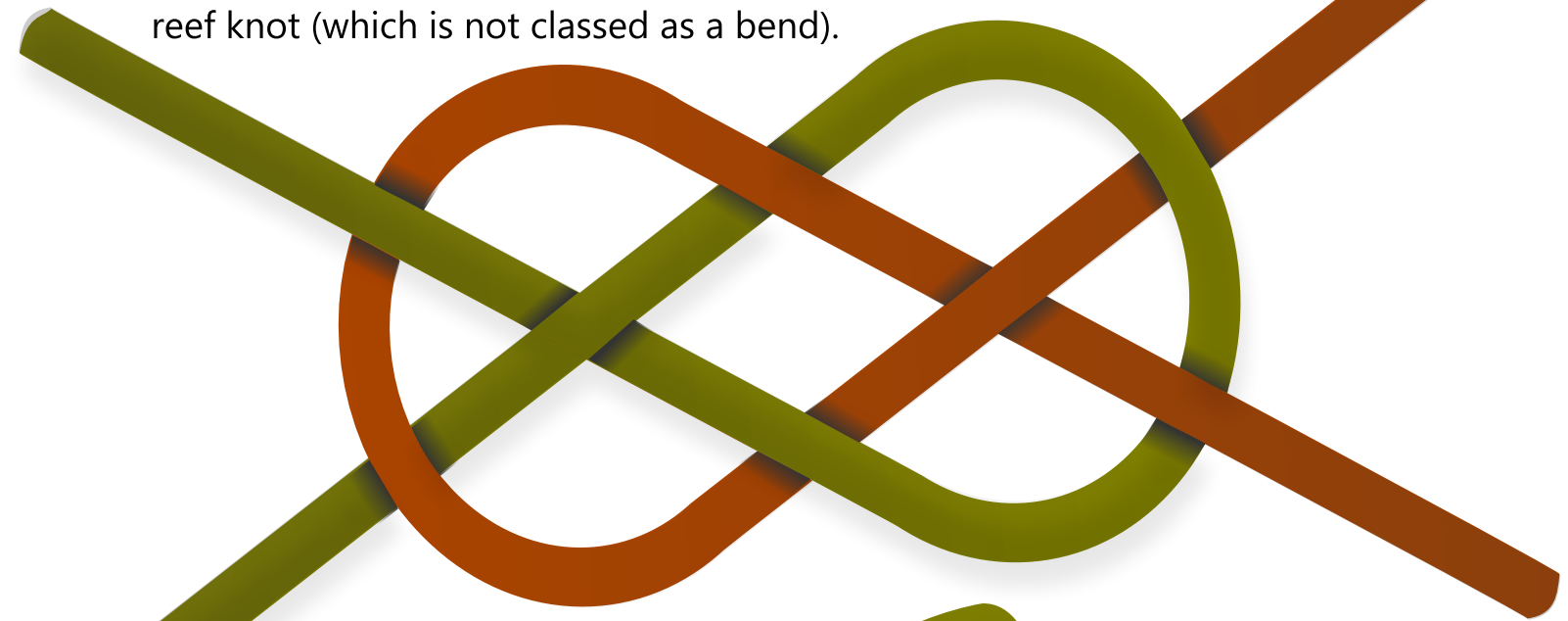


Carrick Bend

A "bend" in knotting terminology is a knot used to join two ropes. The carrick bend is considered superior in strength and utility to the square or reef knot (which is not classed as a bend).



The carrick bend is pretty simple to tie, and when it is drawn up it 'upsets' or 'capsizes' into a bend that will not jamb (unlike the square knot) no matter how tight it gets.



A decorative carrick bend mat can be tied by following the ends of the bend back on themselves and doubling the lays of the bend.