How to Tie a Tie

Need to look professional and don’t know how to tie a tie? Here are four basic knots you can learn. Keep in mind that when you are finished with your tie, it should go down to the middle of your belt.

Four-in-Hand Knot

How to tie the Four-In-Hand knot
Narrow and slightly asymmetrical.
The perfect knot for a standard button-down dress shirt.

1. The wide end "A" should extend about 12 inches below narrow end "B". 
2. Turn wide end "A" back underneath narrow end "B".
3. Continue by bringing wide end "A" back over in front of narrow end "B" again.
4. Pull wide end "A" up and through the loop around your neck.
5. Hold the front of the knot loosely with your index finger and bring wide end "A" down through front loop.
6. Remove finger and tighten knot carefully to collar by holding narrow end "B" and sliding the knot up.

Examples of a Four-in-Hand
Half-Windsor Knot

How to tie the Half Windsor knot
Symmetrical and Triangular.
A knot you can use with any dress shirt.

1. The wide end "A" should extend about 12 inches below narrow end "B". Cross wide end "A" over narrow end "B".
2. Bring wide end "A" up around and behind narrow end "B".
3. Bring wide end "A" up.
4. Pull wide end "A" up and through the loop.
5. Bring wide end "A" around front, over narrow end "B" from left to right.
6. Again, bring wide end "A" up and through the loop.
7. Bring wide end "A" down through the knot in front.
8. Using both hands, tighten the knot carefully and draw up to collar.

Examples of a Half-Windsor Knot
The Windsor Knot

Examples of a Windsor Knot
The Pratt Knot

The Pratt Knot is tidy and fairly wide, but not as wide as the Windsor Knot. It works well with any dress shirt.

Examples of a Pratt Knot