

MOUNTAIN TOOLS WEB-O-LETTE



The Web-O-Lette makes equalizing anchors a snap.

Here's a tool that makes it easy to equalize three pieces of gear at a belay, but is more compact and more versatile than a cordelette. It's called the Web-O-Lette, a 10-foot length of 9/16-inch Spectra sling with a clip-in loop sewn at each end.

The Web-O-Lette, from Mountain Tools, is light (3.5 ounces), burly (holds 3000 pounds), and hoards little space on your rack. It's a single strand of webbing instead of a loop like a cordelette or sewn shoulder sling, so you carry almost half the material necessary for equalizing anchors.

The Web-O-Lette also functions as a sling for wrapping icicles and rock horns, or as a super-long runner.

For ice climbing, I clipped the ends of the Web-O-Lette together and doubled it over my shoulder, allowing me to sling ice pillars that would have burned up four or more shoulder-length slings. And on the *Black Dike* in New Hampshire I set up an anchor with one end girth-hitched around an icicle, the other clipped to a pin, and the middle clipped to a screw, then equalized them all with a master knot. The Web-O-Lette retails for \$19, and is also available in a 12-foot length for \$23.

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