

Byzantine Bracelet

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With a rope like texture, this ancient pattern for weaving chain is a great place to start when learning chain maille. Byzantine has endless possibilities for variations once this weave is mastered.



Materials List

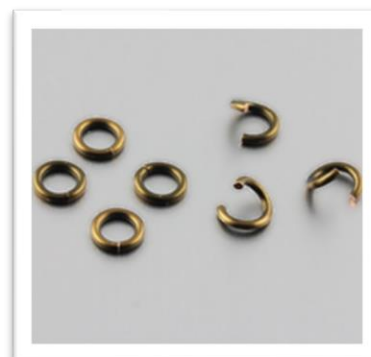
- 18g 3.5mm inner diameter jumprings (190)
- 1 Clasp
- 1 Paperclip

Tool List – Don't forget Safety Glasses!

- 2 pair Wubbers Classic Chain Nose pliers or Baby Chain Nose pliers

Step 1

Begin by opening approximately two-thirds of the rings and close the other third. Take the time when closing rings to get the join as seamless as possible.



Step 2

Take one open ring and scoop up four closed rings. Close the ring.



Step 3

Add another open ring following the path of the previous open ring, through all four original closed rings. Close the ring.



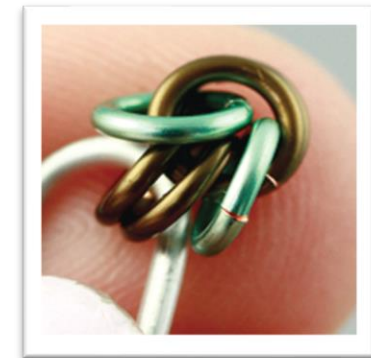
Step 4

Attach a paperclip to two of the four closed rings. Allow the rings to fall from the paperclip. They will form three links of a 2-in-2 chain. This will help you hold and stabilize the chain until it gets longer.



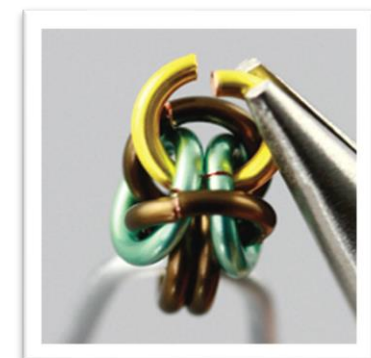
Step 5

Hold the chain in your non-dominant hand with the paperclip in the palm of your hand and the top two rings loose. Fold the top two rings back on themselves and hold down between your thumb and index finger.



Step 6

Part the two rings that are now on top and add an open ring between the two parted rings, picking up the pair below.



Step 7

With another open ring, follow the path of the last ring.



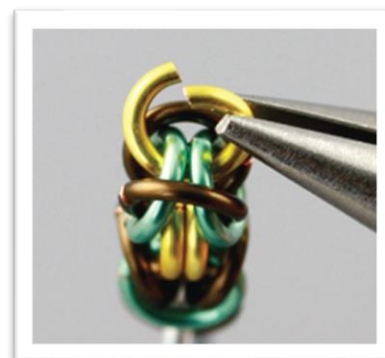
Step 8

Pick up an open ring and scoop up two closed rings. Add this open ring to the two rings added in the steps 6 and 7. Close the ring. Follow this ring with another ring. You will now have three links of 2-in-2 chain, as shown in step 4.



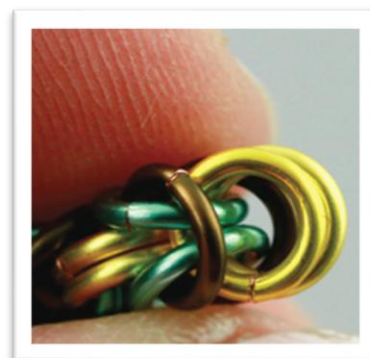
Step 9

Again, fold the top two rings back on themselves and hold them between your thumb and index finger. Part the two rings that are now on top. With your dominant hand, pick up an open ring and insert it between the top two rings and through the two rings below. Close the ring.



Step 10

Follow that ring with another open ring. Close the ring.



Step 11

These 14 rings complete one Byzantine link. Repeat steps 8 through 10 until you reach your desired length. Make sure that your bracelet or necklace finishes with parallel rings, as in the picture above. This will ensure that your clasp sits flat.



Step 12

To finish your piece, attach one end of your clasp to one side of your chain.



Step 13

Then attach the other piece of your clasp to the opposite end of your chain.

