

Chainmail Class: Byzantine jewelry

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Class fee: \$10

Materials:

- 18 gauge, aluminum rings (silver)
 - 18 gauge, aluminum rings (colored)
 - 18 gauge, aluminum clasp rings (silver)
 - Clasp, earring hooks
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Tools: bring own or use loaner supply

- smooth, needle-nose or cone-nose pliers, 2 pair
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Instructions:

Part 1 - bracelet

1. Close about half of the rings. This can be done all at the beginning, or as you go along.
2. Open a small silver ring. Scoop four more small silver rings onto it and close ring. Weave a second ring through the same four to double it. You now have 2 rings woven through 4 rings.
3. Separate the four rings into pairs at either end for a 2 - 2 - 2 chain.
4. Anchor the end by weaving a small ring through the first pair (a) and attaching it to one side of the clasp.
5. Flip the pair of rings at the other end (b) back up toward the clasp.
6. Slide the middle pair of rings apart slightly to allow access to the b rings.
7. Open a colored ring. Weave it through the b rings and close ring. Double it.
8. Weave a silver ring through the pair of colored rings, and scoop up two new silver rings as well. Close the ring and double it.
9. Repeat steps 4 through 7 until you are happy with the length. End on step 6 by adding silver instead of colored rings. Use another small ring to attach the other end of the clasp.
10. Show off your lovely new bracelet!

Part 2 - earrings

1. Follow the directions as above, anchoring the end by attaching it to an earring hook.
2. Weave as instructed for 1 or more repeats, until you are happy with the length.
3. Repeat for the matching earring.