Chainmail - Japanese

MATERIALS :

...	**Larges jump rings**
...	**Small jump rings**
1 or 2	**Clasp(s)**
2	**Flat nose pliers (or 1 flat nose pliers and 1 multiple band ring)**
...	**Tool Magic® (optional)**

Preparation :

1- Choose the color and size of the rings for your jewelry.

For this project, we use 175 rings size 8 mm (blue) and 60 rings size 11 mm (bronze).

To protect the rings from any tool marks, use Tool Magic®. This product provides a temporary rubber coating to your pliers. It is important to let it dry for at least 3 hours before using it. It is mostly recommended when working with aluminum rings.

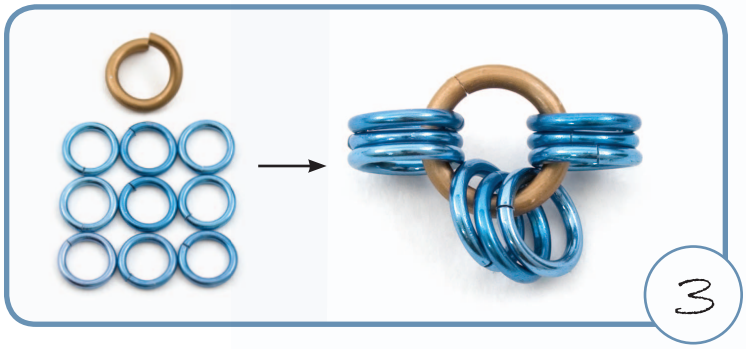
Creation :

2- There are two options available in creating this project : either work with 2 flat nose pliers or, for an easier handling, use one flat nose pliers and a multiple band ring.

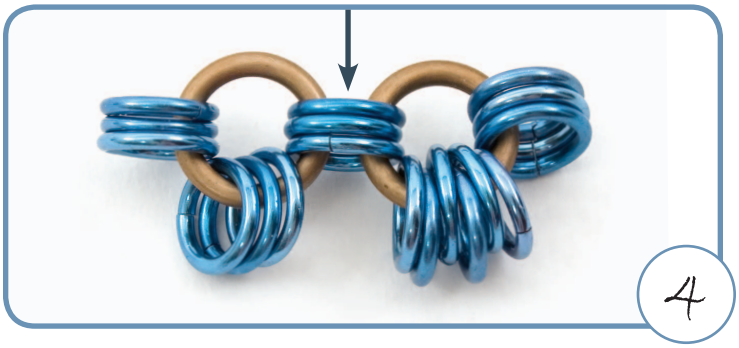
It is important to twist open the rings so that they keep their shape.

For more efficiency, you should lay out the rings by separating those that will be opened from those that will be closed. For this creation, 171 rings (8 mm) are closed and 30 rings (11 mm) are opened (or 60 rings if you choose to double them : see step 9).

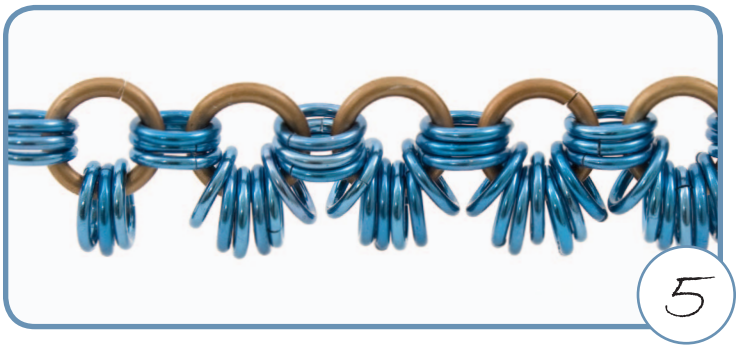
Row 1 -- 9 in 1 chainmail :



3- In order to create a 9 in 1 chainmail, insert 9 small rings into a large one. Lay them out as shown on the illustration.

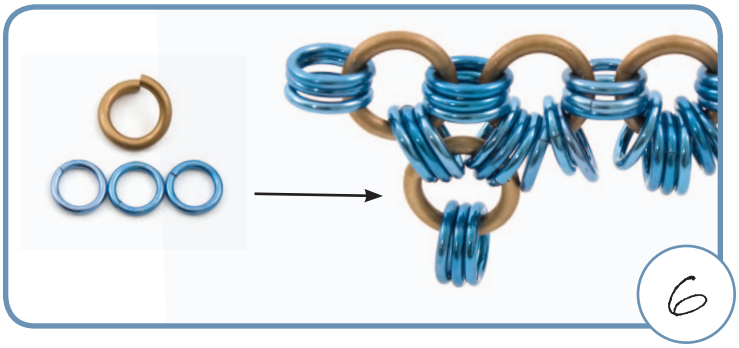


4- Make another 9 in 1 chainmail. Then connect it to the first chainmail by inserting the large ring into the 3 small rings of the first row.



5- Repeat step 4 until you reach the desired length.

Row 2 -- 3 in 1 chainmail:



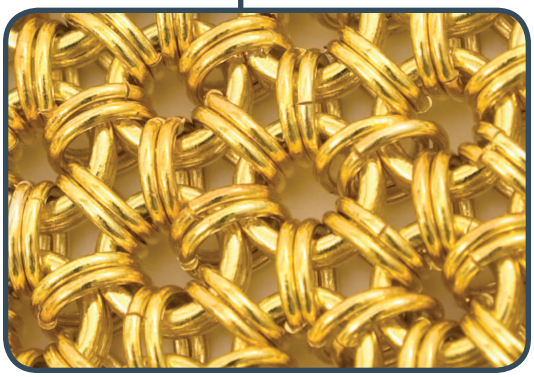
6- To make a 3 in 1 chainmail, insert a large ring into 6 small rings of row 1, as illustrated.

7- Make another 3 in 1 chainmail. Insert a large ring in the last 3 small rings of the previous chainmail and also into the 3 small rings of two chainmail of the first row.

8- Repeat step 7 for the entire length of your project.

Strengthening:

9- If you want, you can double the large rings in order to secure your jewelry.

Finishing:

10- Fasten each of the clasps you chose on both ends of your jewelry.