

## Byzantine Chain – Basic Directions

a.k.a. Bird's Cage Chain, Bird's Nest Chain, Colley Chain, Idiot's Delight Chain, King's Link

Aspect ratio: 3.5

Class exercise ring size:

- 18 AWG (1.02mm) 0.141" (3.6mm)

1. Close 2 blue rings and put them on a tail wire.



2. Close 2 green rings through the blue rings.



3. Close 2 red rings through the green rings.



4. Flip the red rings back, one to each side, and insert a pick between the green rings and pick up the red rings from the inside.



5. Close two blue rings through the hole where the pick was. This pair of rings now has the role of the first pair of blue rings.



6. Close 2 green rings through the blue rings.



7. Close 2 red rings through the green rings.



8. Flip the red rings back, one to each side, and insert a pick between the green rings and pick up the red rings from the inside.



9. Close two blue rings through the hole where the pick was. These two blue rings lock in the pattern of the Byzantine Chain, and are the first pair of rings in the next pattern (or the end of the chain).



Hold the chain up by the tail wire and inspect all four sides to verify the pattern.