

## Japanese 12-in-2 Chain Maille – Basic Directions

Class exercise ring sizes:

- 16 AWG (1.29mm) 0.219” (5.6mm)
- 18 AWG (1.02mm) 0.141” (3.6mm)

The small rings need to just barely go around four of the larger rings, the tighter the better. The large rings need to be large enough so that the pairs of small rings are not crowding each other.

1. Close two large rings, place them on a tail wire, and add two small rings to the pair of large rings.



2. Add two large rings through the pair of small rings.



3. Add two small rings through each of the pairs of large rings adjacent to where you want the next pair of large rings to go.



4. Add two large rings through both pairs of small rings.



5. Add two small rings through each of the pairs of large rings adjacent to where you want the next pair of large rings to go.



6. Add two large rings through both pairs of small rings.



7. Continue adding two small rings through each of the pairs of large rings adjacent to where you want the next pair of large rings to go, adding two large rings through the pairs of small rings.



8. Sometimes you want to tuck the next pair of large rings into a "hole" in the pattern.



9. In this case add two small rings through each of the three pairs of large rings adjacent to where you want the next pair of large rings to go.



10. Add two large rings through all three pairs of small rings.



11. Continue using either steps 5 and 6, or steps 9 and 10, until the pattern is complete.