

Japanese 18-in-2 Chain Maille – Basic Directions

Class exercise ring sizes:

- 16 AWG (1.29mm) 0.313” (7.9mm)
- 18 AWG (1.02mm) 0.141” (3.6mm)

1. Close all the small rings.

2. Open a large ring, add 6 small rings to it, and close it. Add a second large ring through the same 6 small rings, parallel to the first large ring, and close it. Add a tail wire to the pair of large rings to mark the start of the chain.



3. Open a large ring, add 6 small rings to it, insert it through 3 small rings on the first large ring, and close it. Add a second large ring through the same 9 small rings, parallel to the first large ring, and close it. Add a tail wire to this pair of large ring also. These two pairs of large rings will be one end of the chain.



4. Open a large ring, add 6 small rings to it, insert it through 3 small rings on the previous large ring and also through 3 small rings on the previous minus one ring, and close it. Add a second large ring through the same 12 small rings, parallel to the first large ring, and close it.



5. Repeat step 4 until there are only four large rings remaining.



6. Open a large ring, add 3 small rings to it, insert it through 3 small rings on the previous large ring and also through 3 small rings on the previous minus one ring, and close it. Add a second large ring parallel to the first large ring, and close it.



7. Open a large ring, insert it through 3 small rings on the previous large ring and also through 3 small rings on the previous minus one ring, and close it. Add a second large ring parallel to the first large ring, and close it.

