

Japanese Hodo Chain Maille – Basic Directions

Class exercise ring sizes:

- large – 16 AWG (1.29mm) 0.406” (10.3mm)
- medium – 16 AWG (1.29mm) 0.203” (5.2mm)
- small – 18 AWG (1.02mm) 0.141” (3.6mm)

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



2. Add two of the medium jump rings through the pair of small rings.



3. Add another tail wire to the medium jump rings, and twist the two tail wires together.



4. Add two small rings through each of the pairs of large rings and medium jump rings.



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



6. Add two small rings through each of the pairs of large rings.



7. Add two medium jump rings through both pairs of small rings.



8. Continue adding two small rings through each of the pairs of large and medium jump rings, and alternate adding two large rings or two medium rings through the pairs of small rings.

Note: If the two pairs of small rings are hanging off two pairs of large rings, add a pair of medium sized rings. If the two pairs of small rings are hanging off a pair of large rings and a pair of medium sized rings, add a pair of large rings.



9. Repeat step 8 until the pattern is complete.

