

Rope Chain - 1 thru 3 – Basic Directions

a.k.a. Twist Chain, Spiral 6-1

Round wire:

Aspect ratio: 6.0

Class exercise ring size:

- 18 AWG (1.02mm) 0.250" (6.4mm)

Half round wire:

Aspect ratio: 4.0

Class exercise ring size:

- 16 AWG (1.29mm) 0.203" (5.2mm)

The Rope Chain, 1 thru 3, when made with round wire is unstable and will not hold the spiral unless the ends are secured to prevent the spiral from “untwisting”. The Rope Chain, 1 thru 3, when made with half round wire is stable and will hold the spiral. The pictures in the following directions show round wire because it is easier to see and photograph the steps. The weave is constructed in exactly the same manner when using half round wire.

1. Close a ring and put it on a tail wire.



2. Insert the second ring through the first ring and close it.



3. Lay the rings flat on your finger, and arrange them in the direction you want the chain to spiral. Insert the third ring through both the first and second rings and close it.



4. Lay the rings flat on your finger, and make sure the spiral is correct. Insert the next ring through three previous rings and close it.



5. Lay the rings flat on your finger, and make sure the spiral is correct. Insert the next ring through three previous rings in the same space as the fourth previous ring, and close it.



6. From this point on lay the rings flat on your finger, and make sure the spiral is correct. Insert the next ring through three previous rings in the same space as the fourth previous ring, and close it.



7. Repeat step 6 until complete.

The completed chain using round wire.



The completed chain using half round wire.

