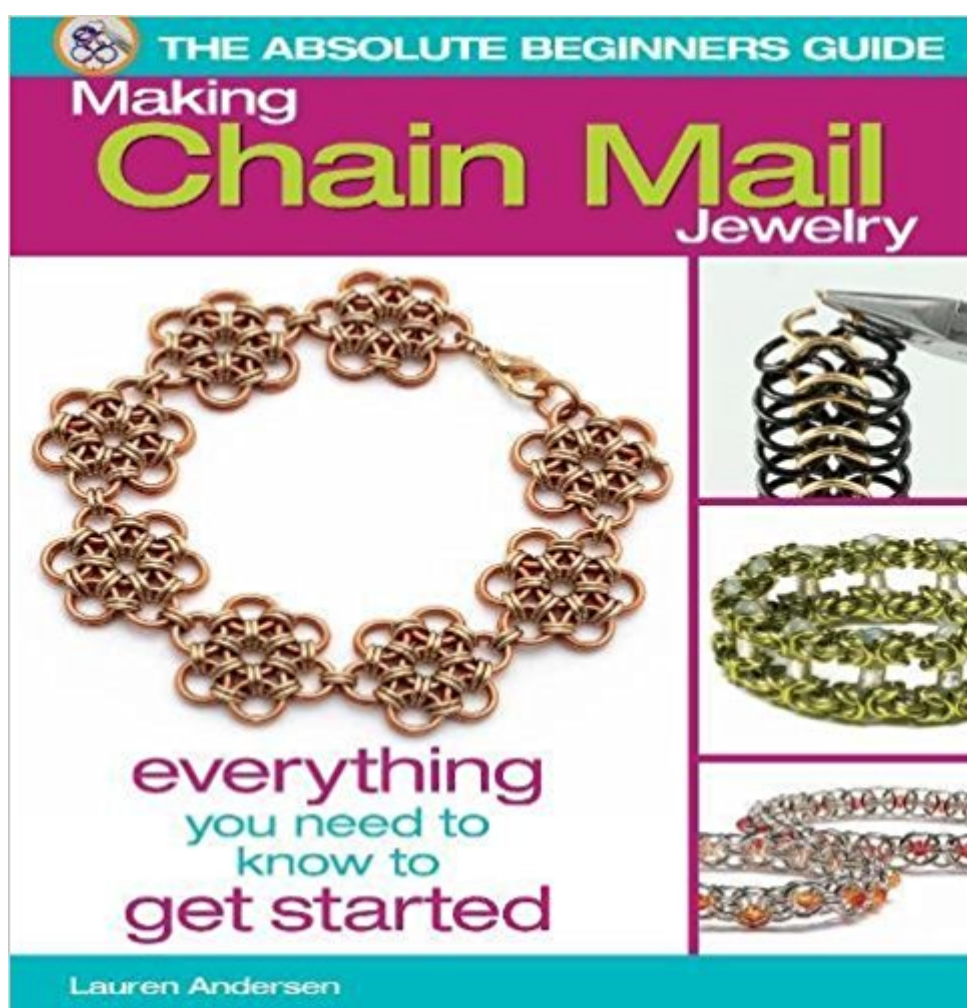


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The Absolute Beginners Guide: Making Chain Mail Jewelry: Everything You Need To Know To Get Started



Synopsis

Keeping a beginner's time, abilities, and budget in mind, *The Absolute Beginners Guide Making Chain Mail Jewelry* introduces jewelry makers to seven basic weaves. Eighteen fun, stylish projects follow, beginning with easy-to-make earrings, and progressing to bracelets and necklaces. In addition to practicing basic weaves and creating beautiful pieces, beginners will learn many other important skills. They will learn how to use chain mail to embellish leather and other materials, add crystal accents, make stretchable chain mail with rubber O rings, add color with anodized aluminum rings, and more!

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Customer Reviews

Lauren Andersen has been weaving tiny jump rings for more than seven years. She teaches classes in chain mail at her local bead shops and major national craft shows. She is a member of the Beadalon Design Team and is a frequent guest on the popular television series *Beads, Baubles, and Jewels* and *Jewelry Television's Jewel School*.

Lauren Andersen, the "chain mail lady," already has 3 chain mail booklets and I have at least 10,

why not another? This fun, non-intimidating introduction to chain mail goes over the usual basics: types of wire, proper opening of jump rings, tools and other materials. It doesn't go into great depth about aspect ratio but it's adequate enough for a beginner. There's some cursory information about different types of beads along with the Kalmbach standard wire tutorials: basic loop, wrapped loop and jump rings, not the in-depth one mentioned earlier. Andersen teaches 7 of the most popular and easiest weaves in the chain mail repertory in addition to a few bonus weaves. She starts with the European 4-in-1, with two variations, the sideways 4-in-1 and the 6-in-1. This is followed by the Mobius, aka flower or rosette, the byzantize (but no box chain) The Japanese 12-in-2, The Parallel, (celtic, helm), the double spiral, shaggy loops and the basic 3-in-3 chain. Andersen uses color coded aluminum jump rings (practice jump rings) which are slightly larger for teaching purposes, along with detailed, up close photos that are exceptionally clear and directions with each step. Some of the projects are standard, adding crystals or using different colored jump rings for interest and some are just inspired, the green bracelet on the cover uses eyeglass findings, and a twisted rhinestone bracelet with a lingerie finding. As in all of the Absolute Beginners series, picture of the finished project can be seen along with a design variation. Did I mention the photos were clear, no matter how up close they were? I don't have any of her booklets, but if you do, this is still a good purchase. And if you're new to chain mail or like to add to your chain mail library, this is still a great book.

I've just started in chainmaille and there is so much info out there, it was hard to know where to start. This book teaches the basics of the most popular weaves

This is a very good book to help you learn the basic chain maille weaves. It has very clear instructions and a selection of projects. This is all I will need, and more, as I intend to do just a few of the basic weaves that I particularly like, as heavy chain bracelets or to attach my hand made charms for charm bracelets.

Item better than expected very helpful.

Great book for beginners through experienced chainmailers! Was the first book I ever bought! Wish they listed more ring sizes for each weave but clear photos and easy to read

I really love this book, there are a lot of pictures easy to understand .good beginners book.

Good book for learning chainmail

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