

3 in 3 (with a Twist)

AR 4.0

Kit includes:

20 gauge 3.5 mm ID round wire rings

20 gauge 3.5 mm ID square twisted wire rings

Bali Clasp

Earring hooks (in case you want to make earrings out of the left over rings =))

Instructions for weaving and finishing your chain.

This weave is a beautiful simple weave of 3 rings in 3 ring pattern. Each set of 3 rings will have a total of 6 rings passing through it (except the rings where the clasp connects).



3 in 3 with a twist. Sterling silver and yellow gold filled rings.

Weaving the chain

Close four round wire rings and two square twisted wire rings and open two round wire rings and one square wire rings (Photo 1). Gather all 6 closed rings on one of the open round rings (following a round wire ring, square twisted wire ring, 2 round wire rings, one square wire ring and one round wire ring) and close the open ring (Photo 2). Pass the one square twisted wire ring and the other round wire ring through the six closed rings following the same path as the first ring and close these rings.



Photo 1. Starting



Photo 2 Gathering of the six

Now spread the six closed rings apart so there are three on top and three on the bottom of the three rings you just closed. (Photo 3). **Close two more round wire rings and one more square twisted wire ring and open two round wire ring and one square twisted wire ring. Gather the three closed rings (following the round wire, square twisted wire, round wire pattern) on one open ring and pass the open ring through one set of three rings already in the chain (Photo 4). Add another square twisted wire ring and a round wire ring as before and close.*** Repeat from ** to *** until the chain is the desired length.



Photo 3. Separated rings



Photo 4. 4th ring passed through the opening of all 3 previous rings



20 ga 3.5 mm sterling silver & yellow gold filled rings were used in this example

Finishing the chain

Connect each end of the Bali clasp to the end units of your chain.

To polish your chain...

Remember how shiny the rings were when you started? Chances are they have lost some of that shine from being handled as you wove your chain. There are several ways to clean your chain.

- 1) Tumble polish: Place chain in a tumbler with (stainless) steel shot and burnishing compound for a minimum of 30 minutes to a maximum for 3 hours.
Note: this is not recommended if your chain has gemstone beads incorporated into it.
- 2) Polishing cloth: You can use a polishing cloth, such as a Sunshine™ cloth or a soft cotton or leather cloth with jeweler's rouge on it, to polish your chain. Gently, pull the chain through the cloth repeatedly until the chain gleams.
Note: if you use a cloth with jeweler's rouge on it, rinse the piece well and blot dry. Rouge can irritate the skin if left on the chain.
- 3) Baking Soda and water: Dampen the chain with water and blot to remove excess water, but do not dry the chain. Use baking soda on a soft toothbrush to gently scrub the chain. Rinse well and blot dry.

Oxidizing your chain...

You can oxidize your chain if you would like. You can either use liver of sulfur (available through jewelry supply stores) following the directions on the container. Or you can use a freshly hard-boiled egg. =) Take one or two eggs and hard boil them. While they are still warm, peel the eggs and slice lengthwise. Place the chain to be oxidized and the egg slices in a small container and cover with an airtight top. Let stand for 30 minutes to 2 hours or until the desired level of oxidation is achieved. Polish your chain using an above method. This will remove some of the oxidation and create highlights and lowlights, giving a feeling of depth to your chain. (**Note:** This method will oxidize sterling silver. It is not intended to oxidize the gold filled rings)

Enjoy!

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