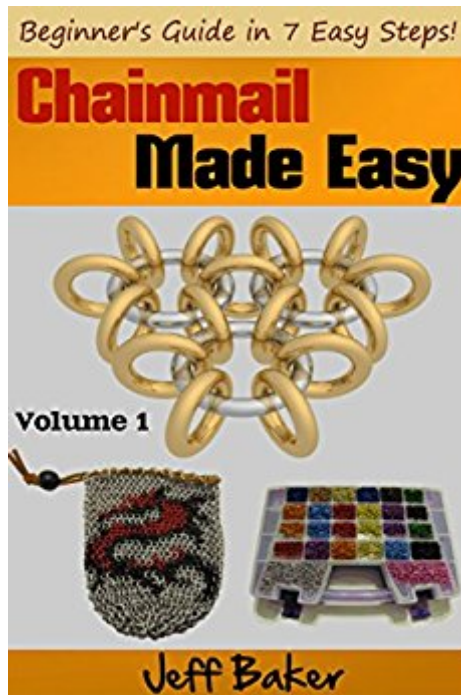




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# Chainmail Made Easy: Beginner's Guide In 7 Easy Steps!



## Synopsis

UPDATED! - Have you always wanted to learn to chainmail but were afraid it's too difficult to learn or too expensive? This is the first in a series of books detailing how to chainmail for beginners with absolutely no experience. Chain mail, also known as chainmail, maille, or chainmaille is a great hobby for any age that doesn't involve just making armor. You can make almost anything from chainmail. Below are just a few examples of what you can make: • Jewelry (Bracelets, Necklaces, Anklets, Earrings, Rings) • Clothing (Bikini tops, Belts, Shirts, Ties) • Art • Armor • Inlays (pictures in your maille) • And much, much more! In this beginner's book you'll learn the following: • A short history of chain mail • Different rings used and the kinds of metals • How to open and close rings correctly • Tools used like pliers and different kinds • An overview of the family of chainmail weaves • How to weave 7 of the more common, simpler weaves shown in 3D graphics • Resources for purchasing rings and tools • 6 Starter Projects (3 all new projects added!) • Women's Choker Necklace • Full Persian Earrings (new) • Men's Flat Bracelet • Byzantine Necklace (new) • Pouch or Dice Bag • Japanese Coasters (new) Chainmail is neither difficult to learn nor expensive. All it takes is a willingness to try something new no matter your age, education, or income! Scroll up and click the "Look Inside" feature on the top left hand side of this page to see what's included in this book.

**A Personal Note From The Author:** This beginner's guide blends 10 years of my personal experience chainmailing. When I first started chainmailing, I knew nothing about it except what I'd seen online or in movies; chainmail armor. Not very exciting for the average person but the idea of weaving metal rings into something I could create without any special skills appealed to me. I stumbled across The Ring Lord, a site that sells all kinds of rings in all kinds of sizes, colors, and metals, and I was hooked! Now ten years later after creating all sorts of projects from maille, some things I wouldn't have thought possible, I wanted to share what I've learned with someone just starting out. This first volume is not meant to cover everything about chainmailing nor does it include dozens of projects. It's meant for someone who's never mailed before or who's only dabbled a little but now wants a simple-to-follow guide with clear instructions and pictures on how to get started mailing immediately with the most common weaves applied to a couple starter projects.

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## Customer Reviews

I'm not a complete beginner to chainmail, and have a fairly extensive chainmail book collection that focuses on jewelry making. So I got this book primarily for my son and my husband who both are interested in learning to make chainmail. The author includes a lot of history about chainmail in the introduction and some theories about how some of the weaves got their names. He also includes a very well written explanation of aspect ratio, inner diameter, gauge and picking materials for your projects. He also talks about picking the right pliers for the material and ring size you are working with, and how to coat your pliers with a tool dip to keep from marring color treated metals. The instructions are well written with good step by step photographs for each of the weaves taught. He instructs on how to do speed mail, which is making the mail with a set number of closed rings and a set number of open rings so you are attaching more than one ring at a time. He makes it very clear that is not the only way, and advises people to find what works best for them. At the end of the book is a great resource guide which includes a place to buy rings in many sizes and metals, where to buy tools for making your own rings and places to learn more weaves. In fact, this short book is almost perfect for a beginner. The things it does lack are good beginning projects and how to either make a clasp or attach a clasp but the rest of the information in it does make it a great way for beginners to learn the process and start designing their own projects. I'm going to help my son design a project using this book instead of using one of my other chainmail books because the

instructions are so clear and basic.

Though I haven't attempted chainmail (yet?), I enjoyed this book and, having seen the author's chainmail work first-hand, I know he's qualified to show others how to do it. Chainmail Made Easy has everything you need: an interesting history on the craft, detailed explanations of the tools and supplies you need with clear definitions of the terminology, excellent graphics illustrating the written directions, tips that anticipate just about any question the reader might have, and more than enough pattern suggestions to keep the new mailer busy for a long time. Great job! This is sure to become a go-to reference for anyone interested in chainmail.

Jeff Baker's "Chainmail Made Easy: Beginner's Guide in 7 Easy Steps!" in a Kindle Edition download is now being read by me. I've read most of the book and can say it is a good book for beginner or someone who has some knowledge of chainmail, but would like a more detailed explanation and knowledge of this artform and what history goes along with making and using chainmail. Whether you have an interest in jewelry or the use of chainmail through history to protect warriors from the sword blows in war, this book has a lot of very interesting reading for all. I do like it.

I found this book to be a great little resource and reference for several (seven) of the common weaves (my favorite is the Byzantium). (I have done a little bit of chainmail (for jewelry) in the past, but only dabbling around with it, and not for a couple of years. )In particular, the pictures and instructions are excellent. I would say that it is probably better read on a color screen (e.g., the Kindle app for iPad or iPod, or kindle Fire) than on a black-and-white kindle because the pictures come out better in color (and are referenced as e.g. "gold" and "silver" in the instructions) -- they are gorgeous on my iPod. However, the contrast is good enough that the epaper kindle pictures are still fine (well, except for the Half Persians, which are quite complicated to me and I think are MUCH easier to follow in color), and I prefer epaper to a tablet for reference while I'm trying to do a craft. Your mileage may vary! The weaves shown are Euro 4-in-1 Byzantine Half Persian 3-in-1 Half Persian 4-in-1 Full Persian Japanese 2-in-1 Japanese 2/6 (EDIT: I have deleted a paragraph because the author has kindly informed me that the current version DOES have the starter projects. However, the version I downloaded quite a while ago while was having a promotion on this does not have them, so I can't discuss those in the review.) Another review noted that a lot of this stuff is available online (which is originally how I learned), but having it all in one place available offline is well worth

the (cheap) price to me! Well worth it.

Very informative and interesting to read. For the beginner to do Chainmaille, it's not that easy.

When I saw Chainmail Made Easy, I thought it would be a great book for my son (who loves it!). He kept telling me how great it was and how much he was learning, so I borrowed his reader and started looking through the book. I ended up reading the entire book all the way through. I was fascinated by the history of the different types of mail and the pictures and instructions are so clear that I caught myself thinking "I could learn to do this...". I am certainly more enthusiastic about my son's interest now that I can see how beautiful and intricate the pieces are. There's even some gorgeous jewelry that, hopefully, a grateful son will gift to his mother who bought him this book!

I have always had a fascination with ancient weapons and armor. I'd read chain mail could be made by pretty much anyone, but hadn't any idea how to get started doing so. After reading this, I realize it's every bit as simple as I'd heard, and I'll be starting on my own items soon.

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