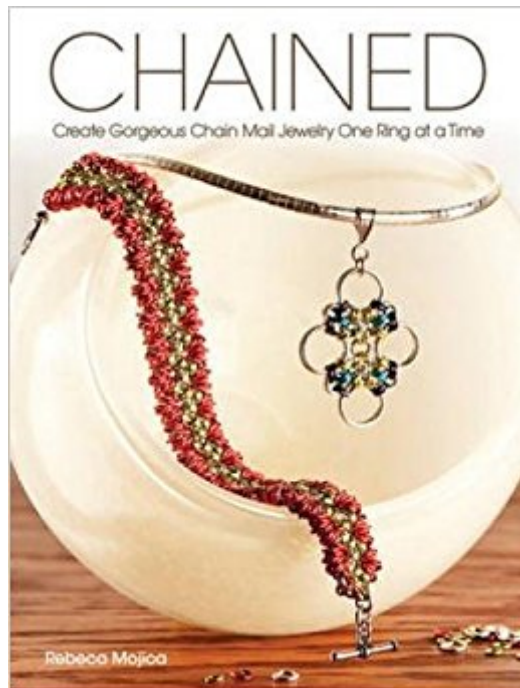




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Chained: Create Gorgeous Chain Mail Jewelry One Ring At A Time



Synopsis

Unchain your creativity! Whether you are new to chain mail or a seasoned weaver, Chained will introduce you to the art of combining metal jump rings into intricate designs, in a new way. No other book shows how to use so many weaves in so many ways, or gives this ancient art such a beautiful and modern twist. Techniques once used for armor now have a new life and can be used to create elegant adornments. Open Chained and find: Clear, detailed step-by-step photos that will take you from opening and closing jump rings to finishing your first (or fiftieth!) project Easy-to-navigate "Weave in a Nutshell" options for many weaves that will show advanced chain mail weavers the weave of a project in just a few steps 22 beautiful projects plus dozens of variations, including earrings, bracelets, necklaces and pendants, each with its own skill level and time investment rating Endless options: choose your favorite colors, your favorite metals, customize the size of your project, and find inspiration to add your own unique stamp to any piece of chain mail jewelry Gather your pliers and piles of jump rings and weave your way to beautiful jewelry with Chained.

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Customer Reviews

Rebeca Mojica is a self-taught artist who has mastered 70 distinct chain mail weaves and more than 100 variations. In 2003, she founded Blue Buddha Boutique to showcase her finished jewelry and provide kits and supplies to enthusiasts of this resurging craft. Mojica is the pre-eminent chain mail instructor in the Midwest. Her instructional projects have been published in books and magazines and her work has also appeared in The Chicago Tribune and The New York Times.

I have really enjoyed making some of the projects in this book. The instructions are good and the introductory information is useful and helpful. I already know how to do chainmaille but I found many of her tips answers to questions I had on why I struggled with some jump rings. There are a lot of pictures in color and lovely, creative designs you will want to try and wear. The one thing I don't care for is the indicator for how long a project takes. She uses a clock icon with different settings for different amounts of time the project takes. I find I have to refer to the legend to figure it out. It would have been easier just to print "2-4 hours", "6-8 hours". I buy my rings from Blue Buddha which I believe Rebeca owns. I can recommend them as well. A great selection - they ship fast and you can get all the rings you need for projects in this book. A good purchase if you want to learn chainmaille and make beautiful jewelry using designs that are not run of the mill but creative and inspirational, this is a good buy for you.

I am a self taught Chainmaille Artist. I have been using instructional products as well as materials from Rebeca Mojica's company Blue Buddha Boutique in Chicago for almost 3 1/2 years. This book offers beginners and advanced jewelry makers alike, an insight to developing and fine tuning basic technique as well as design. The gorgeous photographs, and easy, step by step directions are in clear, concise English and not too technical. Each section focuses on a specific weave 'family' and shows beautiful variations & color schemes. There is even a section for beginners outlining tools and how to properly use them; materials and how to care for them and pros and cons for using them in jewelry projects. Saving time and money! I am so happy to have found Rebeca & Blue Buddha and learned from her; an Icon in the industry of Metal Arts, Jewelry Design and Instruction. She attends the Milwaukee Bead & Button Show with wonderful lessons and products that are essential for making the dazzling jewelry in her book and for creating your own designed inspired by her expertise and her staffs diligent prototypes. If you are interested in learning to create jewelry in unique and eye catching designs this book is a must have. This is not your average instructional manual. It is a guide for anyone wanting to learn technique, design and create something you can enjoy wearing, giving as gifts or selling. You will learn in one book what took some people years to perfect. 'Friends flip through this book amazed and ask, "Can you make this?" With a smile and proud nod, I reply, "Yes, and you can too! Buy the book!" My only question is "When's the NEXT one coming out?" :)

My daughter-in-law introduced me to chain mail jewelry. I was hooked immediately, but needed a

book with projects. While there are hundreds of tutorials on the web, they are mostly for learning weaves, not making completed projects. "Chained" not only has simple instructions and teaches basic weaves, but you learn by creating gorgeous projects as you go. Pluses: The book doesn't jump right into projects, but rather it starts with the very basics of how rings are made, sized, how to open and close rings properly. This is invaluable in producing jewelry that looks professional, not home-made. Techniques taught also corrected some bad habits I picked up early on. All projects have listings for both precious metal ring size requirements and base metal sizes. This means you can make an inexpensive version of each projects before ruining precious metal rings, which can be quite expensive. Also, many projects look so good in the base metal versions, I'll never bother doing precious metal versions. Reviewed: Chained, by Rebecca Mojica The pictures and instructions are VERY clear and concise. The photographs of finished projects grab your interest, but the project instructions don't let you down. Each project is rated beginner through advanced. Most of the projects are beginner or intermediate level. Also, each project is rated according to the time it will take to complete. For example, one beautiful necklace is a beginner level project, but epic time length. This sets realistic expectations of how long you will have to devote to each project. If you want to shop at Blue Buddha Boutique, which is owned by the author, kits are available for each of the projects shown, so you can make one exactly like the one shown in the book. But since the materials lists are given and are complete and clear, you can buy your supplies anywhere that sells quality rings. Minuses: I haven't found any real drawbacks with this book yet and I have completed several projects already and I've had the book only a week. Bottom Line: Buy this book and start with affordable projects today. Leave books like "Chain Mail Jewelry: Contemporary from Classic Techniques for the folks with the deep pockets and want expensive boutique type jewelry. Buy this book (Chained) and begin creating gorgeous affordable pieces that are more approachable. Jewelry that is both beautiful and fun.

First of all the pictures are gorgeous! The weaves are introduced by categories. She teaches technique right away so as not to develop bad habits before you even know what you are doing. BUT best of all she shows how to fix your mistakes (I should say MY mistakes in opening and closing jump rings). Her patterns are written for the inexpensive (albeit beautiful) Anodized Aluminum jump rings with Sterling Silver and Gold sizes in Italics. I find this so appealing. The designers in the beading magazines, with a few exceptions, can't seem to design anything that doesn't require hundreds of crystals and a zillion sizes and colors of beads. I am VERY new to this craft, but with this book; I am confident I will be able to learn it. I couldn't be more pleased.

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