

# DEBBIE CARDWELL - BEGINNER CHAINMAIL WEAVING

TOOLS/MATERIALS STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE: Students will need to provide a few paper clips or twist ties to hold their work. Students may also want to bring their own chain nose, flat nose or bent tip pliers (2 pairs needed) as well as their own Optivisors or magnification.

TOOLS/MATERIALS MULTIPLICITY MUST PROVIDE: Multiplicity will supply two chain nose or flat nose pliers for each student (if needed). Multiplicity will have Optivisors on hand.

SHARED USE TOOLS/MATERIALS PROVIDED BY INSTRUCTOR: Instructor will have extra jump rings, pliers and Optivisors available for use.

TOOLS/MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM INSTRUCTOR, IF ANY: Instructor will have extra stainless-steel kits jump rings available for \$15 for 300 rings. Also, a few toggles, if needed.

OPTIONAL TOOLS/MATERIALS STUDENTS MAY PROVIDE, IF ANY: Students may want to bring their own chain, flat nose or [bent tip pliers](#) (2 pairs needed) and their own Optivisors or magnification. Pliers and Optivisors can be purchased through [www.RioGrande.com](http://www.RioGrande.com), Amazon, Michaels, or Hobby Lobby. The quality of the pliers is not very important, but comfort is! So, consider the size of your hand. Although you can purchase these pliers at a hardware store, they are often larger and not as comfortable to hold as those made for jewelry making. Although not required, students may wish to bring a clasp in their chosen metal to make the chainmail into a bracelet. Students can purchase either a lobster clasp or toggle clasp at [www.riogrande.com](http://www.riogrande.com), Amazon, Michael's, or Hobby Lobby. Another option would be for students to purchase ear wires and make their chainmail into earrings. Again, all the sources above have ear wires in a variety of metals and styles. Although more expensive, students may wish to purchase the appropriate jump rings in sterling silver or brass. 300 jump rings are needed for an approx. 6" to 7" long length of chain using size 16gauge/5mm ID or inner diameter jump rings. Here are a couple options from [www.riogrande.com](http://www.riogrande.com): sterling silver jump rings, size 16gauge/5mmID, item [#693405](#) or antique brass, size 16gauge/5mmID, item [#62987520](#). If students wish to make a longer chain for a necklace or want additional stainless steel jump rings like those in the kit, they can be purchased in class or ordered from Etsy seller, Jewelry Toolbox, 16gauge, steel closed, 8mm OD (outer diameter). NOTE: these rings are sold using the jump rings outer diameter (ID) measurement and are slightly larger than the 16gauge/5mm. Available here:

[https://www.etsy.com/listing/262763637/heavy-duty-jump-rings-16-gauge-12mm?ref=yr\\_purchases&variation0=602847083&variation1=582709034](https://www.etsy.com/listing/262763637/heavy-duty-jump-rings-16-gauge-12mm?ref=yr_purchases&variation0=602847083&variation1=582709034)

While many makers of chain mail also make their own jump rings, I would not recommend doing so as a beginner. More on that later!