

Butterfly Stretch Bracelet

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Supplies:

7 to 9 Jump Rings 16g 1/4" black
56 to 72 Jump Rings 18g 3/16" silver
14 to 18 Jump Rings 18g 3/16" black
56 to 72 Orings 7.25mm Turquoise

Tools: 2 pairs Flat Nose Pliers



1. Open 1/4" Jump ring and pick up 8 orings. Close jump ring. Repeat this step using up all 1/4" jump rings and all orings.



2. Open 1 jump ring and pass through 2 orings. Close jump ring. Repeat 3 more times gathering the 8 orings into groups of 2. Repeat this on all groups from step 1.



3. Open one jump ring and pass through the 2 inside orings on the right side. Flip this group upside down so that this jump ring is on the bottom of the group.



4. Open jump ring and pass through the 2 middle orings on the right side. You should now have 4 jump rings on the right side.



5. Repeat steps 3 & 4 on the left side of group. Your butterfly shape is now complete.



6. Connect each butterfly to the next using 2 jump rings. Each jump ring must pass through the bottom (center) jump ring, the side jump ring (a jump ring from step 2) and the top (center) jump ring.



7. Connect all groups together including the beginning and end to finish the bracelet.



The butterfly weave shown here was a pre-existing weave used by chain maille artists. This tutorial is an adaption of this weave to be used with closed ring items such as orings.