

stretchy butterfly bracelet instructions

Enjoy creating a chain of butterflies with a combination of stainless steel jump rings and EPDM rubber rings.

Required Materials: (available for purchase separately or as a component kit; for more details, log onto www.hyperlynks.ca)

- 100x 20awg 7/64" (3.6AR) Stainless Steel Jump Rings
- 25x 14swg 1/8" (1.5AR) Black EPDM Rubber Rings
- 100x 18swg 1/4" (6.5AR) Azure and Lime EPDM Rubber Rings (50 of each)
- 2x Chain Nose Pliers

Difficulty Rating: Intermediate (previous chainmaille experience is recommended)

1. To simplify these instructions, the 20awg 7/64" Stainless Steel jump rings will be known as "steel rings", the 14swg 1/8" black rubber rings will be known as "thick rubber rings," and the 18swg 1/4" azure and lime rubber rings will be known as "thin rubber rings."
2. Open all of the steel rings.
3. To create a single butterfly unit, start with one thick rubber ring, four thin lime rubber rings, and two steel rings.
4. Weave the thin rubber ring halfway through the thick rubber ring (Photo A). Fold the thin rubber ring over the thick rubber ring (Photo B) and pinch it with your thumb and index finger. Weave a second thin rubber ring halfway through the thick rubber ring (Photo C).
5. Hold the structure in such a way that your thumb and index finger are keeping both thin rubber rings folded over the thick rubber ring (Photo D).



Photo A



Photo B



Photo C



Photo D



Photo E

6. Weave a steel ring through both halves of the top thin rubber ring (Photo E). Continue to weave the steel ring down through the two halves of the bottom thin rubber ring and close the ring (Photo F).
7. Weave a third thin rubber ring halfway through the thick rubber ring (Photo G). A fourth thin ring needs to be woven into the thick rubber ring; to do this, you need to stretch the thick rubber ring, or use a pair of bent nose pliers to help you pull the last thin rubber ring through the thick rubber ring (Photo H). Be careful not to nick or tear the thin rubber ring.
8. Repeat Step 6 to connect the new thin rubber rings added in the previous step together (Photo I).



Photo F



Photo G



Photo H



Photo I

9. Repeat Steps 3-8 multiple times to create many single butterfly units using both the lime and azure thin rubber rings (Photo J).



Photo J

10. Connection of single butterfly units requires two steel rings. Weave a steel ring through one thin rubber ring as shown in Photo K. Continue to weave the steel ring through a thin rubber ring (of a different colour) of a second butterfly unit and close the ring (Photo L).
11. Repeat Step 10 at the bottom of the two butterfly units (Photo M).



Photo K



Photo L



Photo M

12. Repeat Steps 10 and 11 until the chain has reached the desired length (Photo N).
13. Making sure you have added the same number of azure and lime butterfly units, simply repeat Steps 10 and 11 one more time between the first and last butterfly units to complete the bracelet (Photo O).



Photo N



Photo O

Congratulations! You have created a beautiful Stretchy Butterfly Bracelet! Visit www.hyperlynks.ca to discover where to purchase more of our unique chainmaille kits for you to try, plus the ability to buy loose, premium-quality jump rings in a variety of metals and colours to reuse this pattern over and over again.

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