

## Byzantine Weave

The Byzantine weave is also known as Birdcage, Fool's Dilemma, or Idiot's Box, but under any name it's a popular jewelry weave. It is a member of the European chainmaille family. Byzantine can be made with a variety of rings sizes; some popular ones are 16ga 1/4", 18ga 5/32", 18ga 3/16", 20ga 1/8", and 22ga 3/32".

### **Step 1**

Open two rings and close four rings. String the four closed rings on one open ring. Close the open ring. Add the second open ring the same way, so that you have four rings strung on two rings. Lay the rings out as a 2-2-2 chain.



### **Step 2**

Fold the last two rings of the 2-2-2 chain back so they look like a sideways V.



### **Step 3**

Slide an open ring between the two horizontal rings and around the two vertical rings. Close this ring and add a second ring in the same manner.



### **Step 4**

String two closed rings on one open ring. Slide the open ring through the rings added in the last step. Close ring. Repeat with another open ring so that you have another 2-2-2 chain.



**Step 5**

Fold back the last two rings in the chain like in step 2 to make a sideways V.



**Step 6**

Slide an open ring between the two horizontal rings and through the two vertical ones like step 3. Add a second ring in the same manner.



**Step 7**

Repeat **steps 4-6** until the chain is the desired length.

