

Flower Ball

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Supplies:

60 Orings 12mm Green

30 Orings 7.25mm Bright Orange

12 Jump Rings 16g 5/16" Gold

Tools:

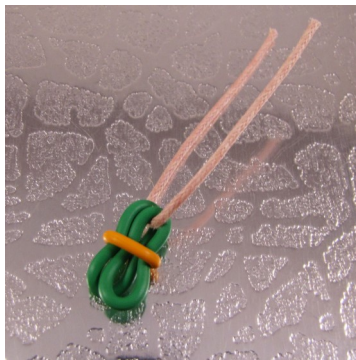
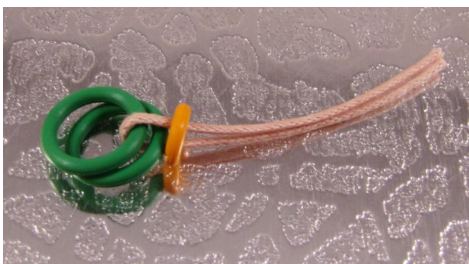
2 pairs of pliers appropriate for chain-maille (flat, chain, chisel or bent nose)

This tutorial was made with the 12mm Oring size. Other size options are available. Use leather or bead wire in place of string depending on sizes used.

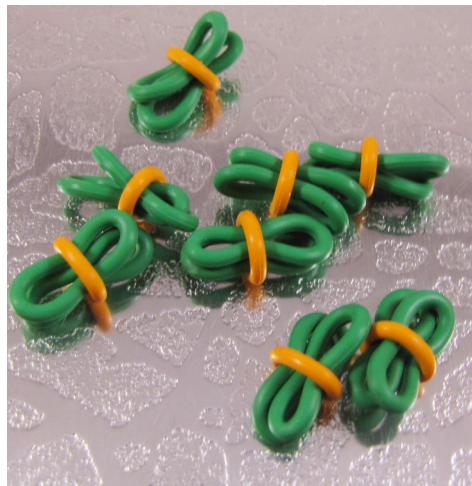


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1. Use string and pick up 2 orings 12mm. Using string as a needle, pass the thread through 1 oring 7.25mm orange. Pull the 7.25mm oring onto the 12mm orings.



2. Repeat step 1 to make 30 components. Open 12 jump rings.



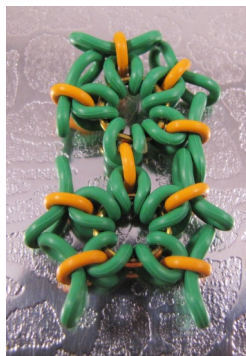
3. Take 5 components and fold 1 of the 12mm orings around the 7.25mm oring to load each component onto the jump ring. Close jump ring. You will need bent nose pliers.



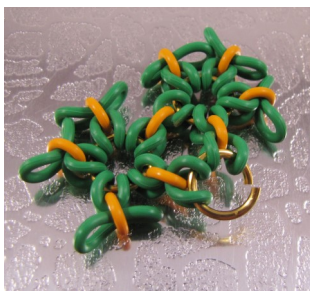
4. One flower is complete. Pick up 1 jump ring and pass it through the second half of one of the components of the first flower.



5. Pick up 4 new components onto this jump ring. Close the jump ring.



6. Working toward the right, pass 1 jump ring through the upper right component of the newest flower and the next component of the original flower.



7. Pick up 3 new components onto this jump ring. Close jump ring.



8. Working toward the right, pass 1 jump ring through the upper right component of the newest flower and the next component of the original flower.



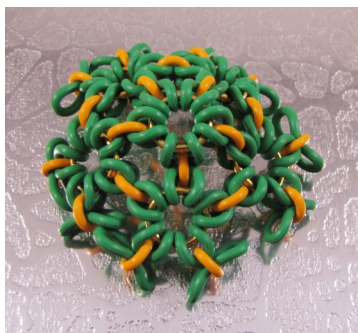
9. Pick up 3 new components onto this jump ring. Close jump ring.



10. Working toward the right, pass 1 jump ring through the upper right component of the newest flower and the next component of the original flower. Pick up 3 new components onto this jump ring. Close jump ring.



11. Finish the fifth and final flower of this row by passing through the last component left of the original flower and also through the components from the first and fourth flowers of this row that is closest to the center. Pick up 2 components onto the jump ring. Close jump ring.



12. You now have a center flower with 5 petals and then another row of 5 flowers each with 5 petals. Begin a new row by taking a jump ring and passing it through the components of 2 flowers in the second row of 5. This will allow you to start a new flower between the 2. Pass through 2 components.



13. Pick up 3 new components onto this jump ring. Close jump ring.



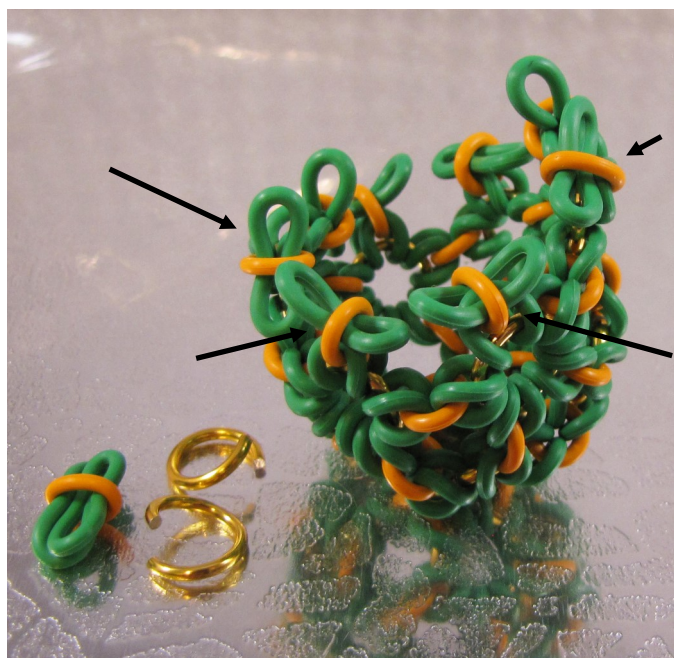
14. Working toward the right, pass through the 2 components between the next 2 flowers and through the component on the right side of the new flower just added in step 13. Pick up 2 new components onto this jump ring. Close jump ring.



15. Repeat step 14 2 more times to add the next 2 flowers to this row.



16. At this point, you have 2 jump rings left and 1 component. Turn the ball open side up. The flowers on the left and right side have 2 components to work off of but all other flowers only have 1 component left. Working from right to left (clockwise in photo) pass a jump ring through 1 of the double petals that is closest to you. Then, pass through 2 single petals and then through one of the double components on the left side that is closest to you.



17. Pick up the final component. Close jump ring.



18. There are 5 components left to pass through. Pass through all 5 with your final jump ring and then close the jump ring.

