

















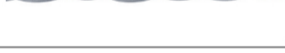











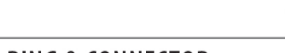







Common Chain Styles

ANCHOR 	Anchor chain features oval links that are bisected across the center; the links tend to be thick in proportion to their size.	FIGARO 	Figaro chain features one longer link alternating with 3–5 smaller links; all are twisted to lie flat, similar to a curb chain.
BAR & LINK 	Bar & link chain presents small links alternating with bar-style links that may be straight, curved or fancy-shaped.	FIGURE-EIGHT 	Figure-eight chain is characterized by the twisted, 8-shaped links that connect its round or oval links.
BARLEYCORN 	Barleycorn chain gives the appearance of small grains lined up end to end. Alternating left- and right-facing teardrop-shaped wire links connect to form a smoothly interlocked chain design.	FOXTAIL 	Foxtail chain is made with two rows of oval links arranged at 45° to one another and connected by small flat links.
BEAD 	Bead chain is characterized by spherical links, often hollow, that are joined by narrow connector wire or bars.	FRANCO 	Franco chain is an intricate but substantial weave that delivers a square profile and resists kinking so that it stays smooth and sinuous. From two of the parallel sides, the chain resembles a curb style; from the adjoining two, it resembles a wheat style.
BEADING 	Beading chain comprises small, elongated links that are closely connected to form a strong chain with a slender rounded profile fine enough to allow beads to be strung onto it.	FRENCH ROPE 	French rope chain features a double row of twisted links that are interconnected, producing a substantial chain with an obvious spiral, as if two rope chains were entwined.
BEVELED-EDGE 	Beveled-edge chain features links that are cut to create angled edges rather than the usual rounded profile.	HERRINGBONE 	Herringbone chain is constructed of multiple rows of V-shaped links, arranged so that the direction of each row is opposite the row next to it. The links lie flat giving the chain a low-profile, highly fluid look.
BOX 	Box chain has squared-off links that resemble cubes; they are sturdy chains, ideal for pendants. In rounded box chain, the links are created from half-round wire, giving the finished chain a rounder profile.	KRINKLE 	Krinkle chain is a cable chain made with oval links that have been crimped to have curves and/or angles; also sometimes called a peanut chain.
BYZANTINE 	Formed by a repeating pattern of interlinked jump ring pairs, Byzantine chain tends to be substantial but highly flexible.	LADDER 	The links on a ladder chain are rounded on one side and on the other side narrowed and folded backward to form a hook. The hook then links onto the round end of the next link.
CABLE 	The most common chain style, cable chain is formed by connecting single links perpendicularly end to end. Links may be round, oval or other shapes.	LONG & SHORT 	Long & short chain features one long link alternating with one or more shorter links.
CURB 	A curb chain starts as a cable design, then has its links twisted so they lie flat; the twist gives the links a slightly interlocked look that adds dimension to the chain profile.	MARGHERITA 	Margherita chain is made from flat, rectangular links that are joined widthwise across their centers, so that the links present an ever-changing profile. The chain can appear to have a neat spiral twist or a random nugget look. Bright-finished links reflect quite a bit of light as they move.
DIAMOND-CUT 	Diamond-cut chain has facets precision-cut into the links with diamond-tipped tools. The facets are then polished to enhance the light-reflecting properties of the link surfaces.	MESH 	Mesh chain is crafted of very fine wire woven to produce chain that has a fluid, fabric-like flexibility.
DOUBLE ROPE 	Double rope chain features link pairs, each connected to the two previous link pairs in a continuous row. This doubling of links gives the chain a more substantial twisting effect, emphasizing the spiraled look characteristic of regular rope chain.	OMEGA 	Omega is a wide chain comprising small, wide metal plates aligned next to one another and crimped to an underlying mesh substructure. This creates a bright chain with lots of surface area but limited flexibility.
POPCORN 	Popcorn chain is made with identical stamped hollow links that feature flat, concave or convex sides; once linked, the sides fit together to present a uniform surface texture that can look scaly, dapped or bubbled.	SERPENTINE 	Serpentine chain features tightly formed and flattened S-shaped links joined end to end.
REVERSE ROPE 	Reverse rope (and reverse double-rope) chain features links (or link pairs) connected alternately from the front, then the back, of the previous two links (or link pairs) in a continuous row. This alternating of the direction gives the finished chain a woven profile.	SINGAPORE 	Singapore chain features links that are interconnected to form an elongated diamond structure that is then twisted and flattened to form the chain.
RING & CONNECTOR 	Ring & connector chain features round ring links connected by round or oval flat-top links that serve as pads for attaching gemstones or findings.	SNAKE, UNSEAMED 	Traditional (unseamed) snake chain is made from round, slightly curved metal plates or bands tightly joined together; the plates create a subtle zig-zag effect along the length of the chain.
ROLO 	Rolo chain features links that are created from flat or half-round wire. The shape of the links may be round or oval.	SNAKE, SEAMED 	Seamed snake chain is created with soldered, machine-made curb-style chain that is compressed twice, producing the snake-like appearance and leaving behind a telltale seam visible along its length.
ROPE 	Rope chain features twisted links that are each connected to two other links in a continuous row. The twist creates a spiraled effect similar to the woven fibers of a rope.	TINSEL 	Tinsel chain begins as a serpentine chain; the links are then hammered into an interlocking S-design before being twisted.
SCROLL 	Scroll chain features links created from two lengths of wire spiraled outward in opposite directions from a center point. The spiral creates the scrolled look; the outer ends finish in a loop that allows the links to be connected to one another.	WHEAT 	A variation of rope chain, wheat chain is made with alternating figure-eight links that are closely interconnected to present a braided look and an almost square profile.