



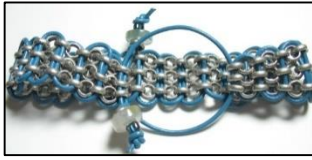
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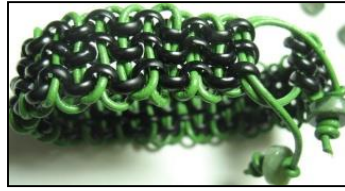
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How
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Make Chain & Leather Bracelets



The Afterburn Bracelet –
every other row



The Herringbone Bracelet –
every row

These bracelets are easy to make, comfortable to wear and can be masculine or feminine depending on the chain and leather combination. The steps are similar for both bracelets, but there are a few differences to be aware of.

THE AFTERBURN BRACELET: MATERIALS

- 6mm rolo chain
- 1.5mm leather
- Two or more large-hole beads or metal components.

HOW MUCH CHAIN & LEATHER DO YOU NEED?

For this bracelet the chain should be about 1 to 1 ½ inches less than the total length of the finished bracelet (you want enough room so the leather can pull the bracelet snug). Multiply that by the number of rows you want. For example, a 6 inch bracelet with 3 rows of chain needs 18 total inches of chain.

Leather is harder to calculate, but 6 feet of leather is enough for a 6 or 7 inch bracelet with three rows. If you're making a bracelet with 4 rows of chain, or one that is much longer, add another foot of leather. It's better to be safe than sorry.

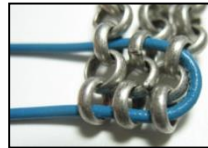
GETTING STARTED

Lay the lengths of chain parallel to each other. It can be helpful to place a toothpick through the end links to keep them straight and be sure they are all the same length.



WEAVING THE LEATHER

Bring the leather through the end links so the chain is in the center. Skip the next set of links and bring one end of the leather through the third set of links, pulling the leather gently until it curves against the chain without squishing it.



Bring the other end of leather through the same set of links in the opposite direction, again pulling gently against the chain.



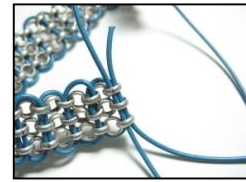
Continue weaving the leather through parallel links, always skipping one row, until you get to the end.



FINISHING

Finish the bracelet by weaving the leather through the links you started with (there will be 4 strands of leather through these links, which provides the tension needed for keeping the bracelet snug).

Open the bracelet so it is wide enough to fit over your hand. Tie a knot next to the chain in each length of leather. Add a decorative element as desired and finish by tying another knot. Pull the knots snug, and cut remaining leather.



THE HERRINGBONE BRACELET

For this bracelet you will weave the leather through ALL of the links. This makes the chain much tighter and uses more chain and leather.

MATERIALS

- 7mm rolo chain
- 1.5mm leather
- Two or more large-hole beads or components

HOW MUCH CHAIN & LEATHER?

For this pattern, both ends of the chain should meet when measured around the wrist. The links will tighten as you weave through them making it shorter. For a 7 inch bracelet with 3 rows of chain you'll need 21 inches of chain. This pattern also uses more leather. For this example, cut 7 ½ to 8 feet of leather.

STARTING & WEAVING

Follow the instructions for the Afterburn bracelet to get started, but instead of skipping a row of links when you weave the leather, you will weave both ends of leather through each row.

This pattern causes each row of links to lay in alternate directions. You'll get the best results if you keep one strand of leather on top of the other, so try to always start each row with the leather strand that is on the bottom.



Finish as with the Afterburn Bracelet, tying knots and adding any decorative pieces at the end.

