

Byzantine Filigree Weave Tutorial

Skill Level: Intermediate

This weave has 3 rows of Byzantine segments arranged in an offset pattern. The segments are connected on the top, bottom and sides with larger rings, giving it a lovely filigree appearance.

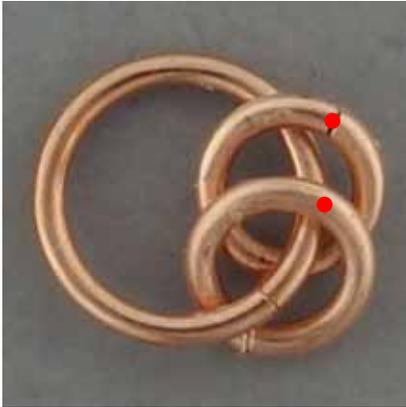
This is a variation of the Bastardized Weave—but I much prefer my name!

Tested Ring Sizes

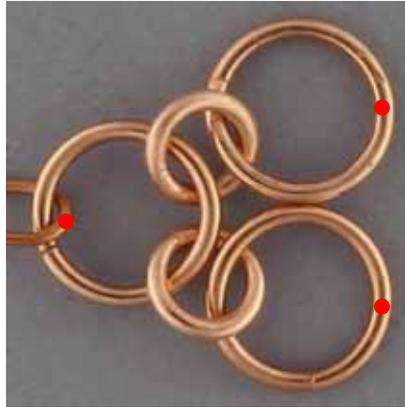
Metal	Gauge awg	Inside Diameter	Aspect Ratio
AS, SF, CU, BR, BL	18	6.5 mm / 3.5 mm	6.4 / 3.4

Tip: Practice the Byzantine Weave before starting this weave.

Make the starter unit



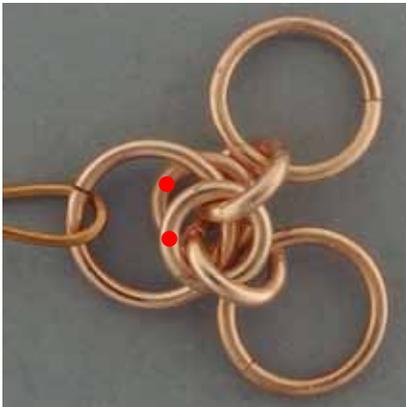
1. Open 10 small rings, open 2 large rings, and close 1 large ring.
Add 2 small rings to the large closed one.



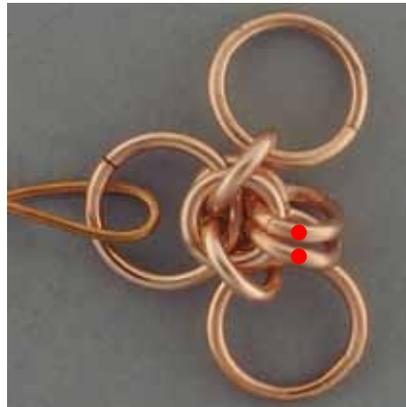
2. Add a wire handle to the large ring.
Add a large ring to each small ring.



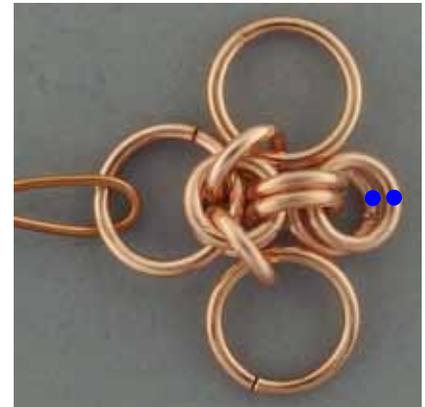
3. Add a small ring through the pair of small rings.
Turn your work over and add another small ring through the same rings. See the red dots.



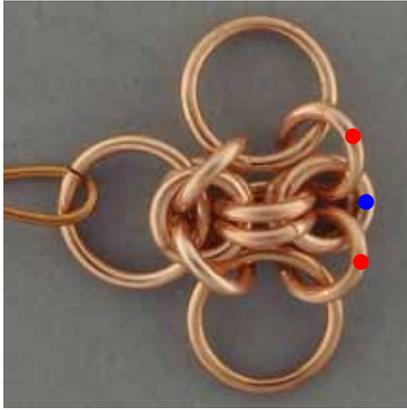
4. Pull the 2 large rings apart and the last pair of small rings will fold/flip upwards



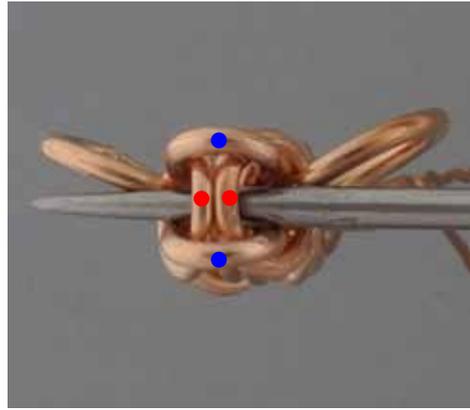
5. Add 2 small rings through the bottom edges of the rings that folded up.
(Do not go through the large ring.)



6. Add 2 small rings through the previous pair.



7. Put a small ring through a large side ring and the last pair of rings.
Repeat for the other large ring.



8. Add a large ring to lock in the first Byzantine segment. Tricky!

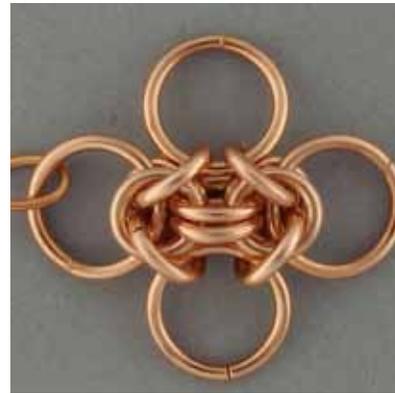
Tip:

Use an awl or piece of wire to help you open up the space where these small rings will go.

If you have trouble, unfold the pair of red dot small rings, and refold them with the awl ready to be inserted.

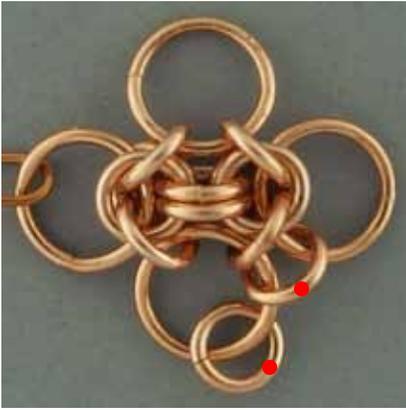


9. For extra help, review steps 3-4 of the Byzantine Weave.

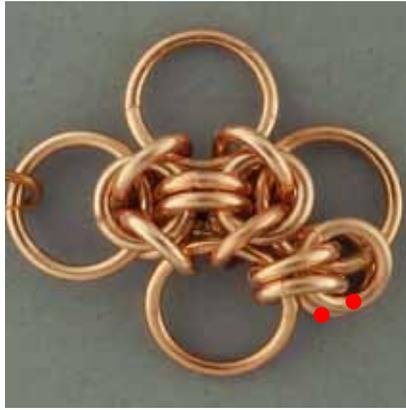


10. Success! The starter unit is complete.

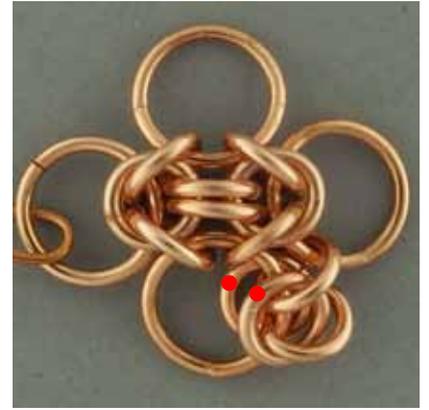
Make A Byzantine Segment On Each Side



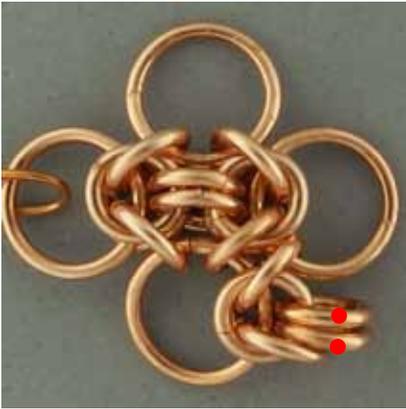
11. Add 2 small rings: one to connect 2 large rings (a side and a center one), and the 2nd to the large side ring.



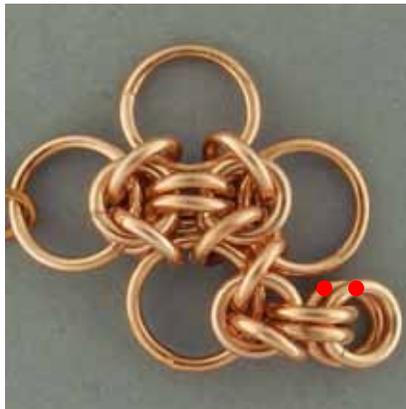
12. Add 1 small ring through the last pair. Turn the work over and add another to the same pair.



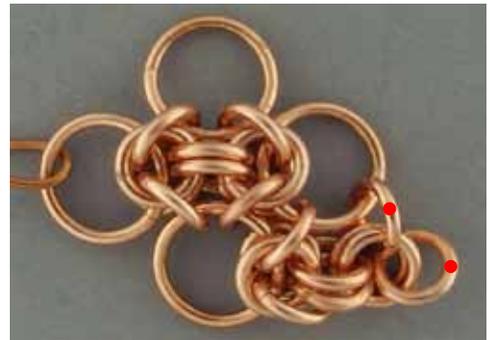
13. Fold the second pair up.



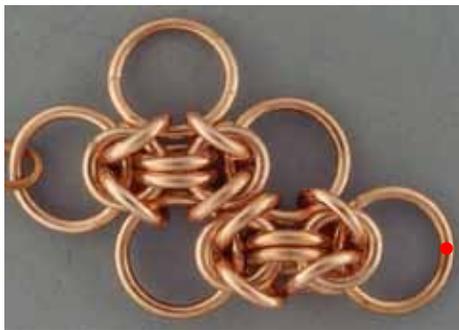
14. The next pair of rings go through the bottom edges of the folded rings. (Tricky! Review step 5.)



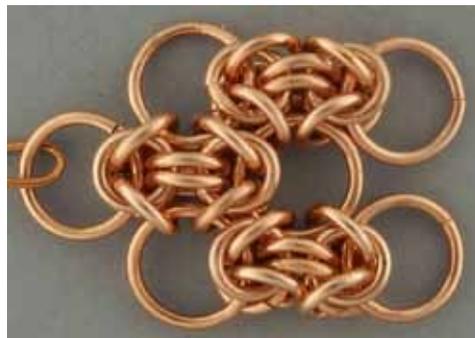
15. Add another pair of rings to the previous pair.



16. Add another pair of rings to the previous pair. One of these rings will ALSO go through the large center rings.

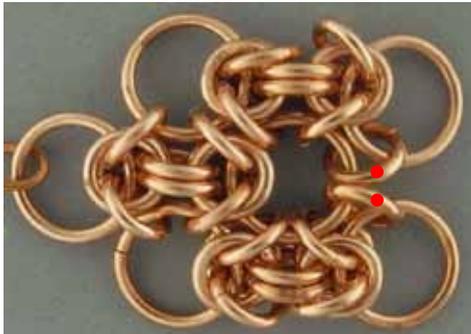


17. Lock in the fold with a large ring. Review step 8.

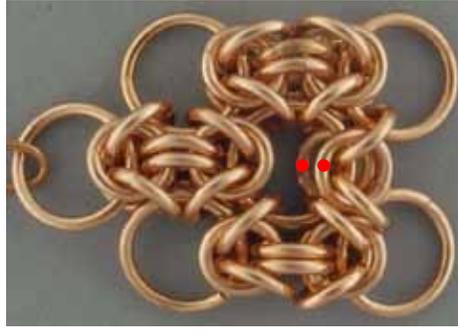


18. Repeat steps 11 to 17 to make a matching Byzantine segment on the other side.

Make a Byzantine Segment in the Middle

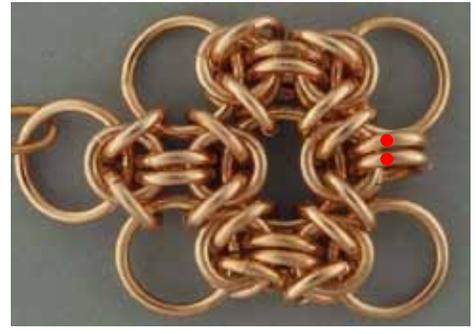


19. Add 2 small rings. Each one goes through the large center ring and one of the large side rings.



20. Add 1 small ring through the last pair. Turn the work over and add 1 more to the same pair.

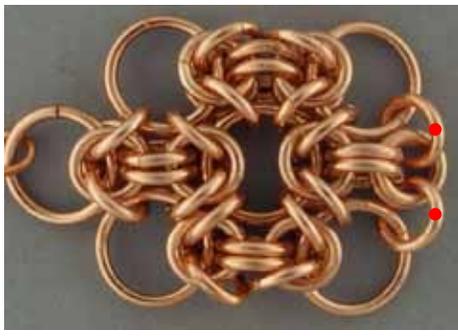
Fold this current pair up. (See photo.)



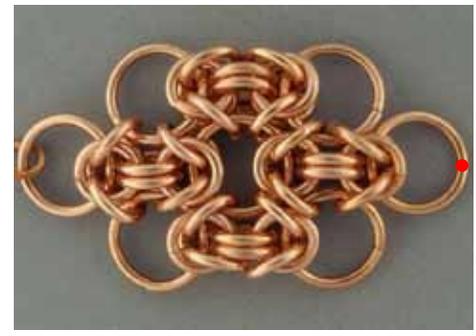
21. Place 2 small rings through the bottom edges of the rings that were folded up.



22. Add another pair of rings to the previous pair.



23. Add another pair of rings to the previous pair. Both rings will also go through the large side rings.



24. Lock in the fold with a large ring. Repeat steps 11 to 24 for the desired length.

Project Example



Byzantine Filigree units in a necklace chain.