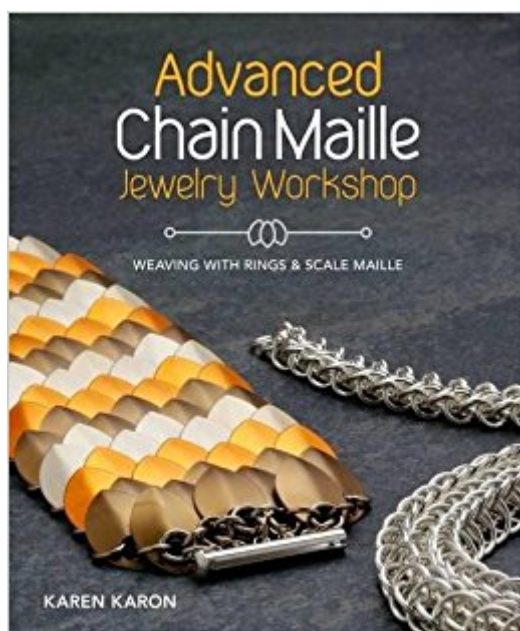


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# Advanced Chain Maille Jewelry Workshop: Weaving With Rings And Scale Maille



## Synopsis

Chain maille patterns and weaves that take jewelry design into new frontiers! Jewelry artists will enjoy a collection of new, less-common weaves and challenging projects that inspire and educate. Author Karen Karon begins by reviewing basic chain maille weaves in order to set the stage for the more complex weaves in this book. She explains techniques needed when working beyond the basics: methods for closing a weave, working with micro rings, working large scale, and using alternative materials in weaves. The book is then divided into 4 sections, each devoted to a particular type of weave: new Persian weaves, Elf-based weaves, Hybrid weaves, and Scale Maille weaves that incorporate sheet metal scales into traditional weaves for a striking effect. Sprinkled throughout the illustrated step-by-step instructions for each weave technique are valuable tips from Karen to help ensure a beautiful finished piece.

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"Just like the first book, Advanced Chain Maille is amazing in how thoughtfully it is laid out. There is a quick review of tools, materials, and techniques in the beginning, including chain maille math. Then Karon moves right into fabulous new weaves, each more complicated than those in the first book, and progressing in difficulty throughout each section so that you can stack your skills as you move along." --Beading Arts "What I like about the tips and tricks covered are the various things use as starting aids, Besides the usual tape, paper clip, wire ties, this author also shows how to prepare a starter tool using Tuff Brake or a strong flexible substitute such as thin leather." --Beading Gem "It is a book with clear instructions and before you start, there are explanations about the method she

uses to make the designs! And as you go along, there are notes which act as guides to make sure you get to follow the tutorial with the least amount of head scratching!" --Handmade Jewelry Club

Karen Karon is a PMC Guild certified instructor. She teaches classes at Metalwerx in Waltham, Massachusetts, and also offers private chain maille jewelry classes. She's a contributor to Step by Step Wire Jewelry, Bead Style, and Art Jewelry magazines and is the author of Chain Maille Jewelry Workshop. Karen lives in Massachusetts.

Firstly, I'd like to say that this book is a good instructional piece, much like its predecessor. Some of the information is rehashed from her first book, but most of it has been expanded to some degree. I didn't feel like I was re-reading from the first volume; it's all useful background information that spares you from having to go to the other book. The instructions for some of these weaves might seem complicated, but if you have the book open and actually \*do\* while you're reading then they're not as complicated as they look. Although it says "advanced" on the cover, it isn't as intimidating as the word implies; I'd call most of the projects intermediate skill and Ms. Karon gives good instructions. A real bonus of this particular book (again, like its predecessor) is that you can take it down to your favorite office store and have it clipped/spiral bound without ruining anything. Someone, somewhere, is aware that a how-to like this needs to lie flat when it's in use and made arrangements to accommodate that alteration. I would point out that the glue in my copy started giving out before I could get it clipped/bound; I'm not sure if this was a defect or a result of the expectation that it would be re-bound eventually and after the fashion of my choosing. It doesn't matter in the end, but it's worth mentioning. Seriously thought I'd spiral bound without damage to the instructions or pictures! How awesome is that?! My small complaint is about some of the photos: they make some of the weaves look like jumbles of rings and not very attractive. This also means that the weaves sometimes don't look all that distinctive from one another. As a result, I haven't tried as many of them as I might have done. In addition to the chain maille, this book also introduces scale maille (as indicated on the cover). She has several projects for the scale maille, beginning with the basic technique and extending to combining the scales with weaves covered in the first part of the book. This is a book I would suggest looking at before purchasing. After purchasing it myself, I saw it at my local Joann's, so I'm going to recommend checking with your local craft/bookstore and take a look at it before you make any decisions. I probably would not have bought it at the cover price. However, since this is , if you can get it for less than cover price and are

curious about what other people are doing with chain maille, or if you're curious about scale maille, then by all means add it to your collection. Since there's a Kindle version available, I'll advance the opinion of not recommending a Kindle edition; this is a how-to book and I have several how-to/technique books on my Kindle. I don't like using them and regret not going hardcopy. It's such a hassle to set everything up with the Kindle (or use my computer to get a nice, big page that I don't have to move around) compared to flopping the book on a worktable, opening to the right page and getting started. No messing with screen settings so it doesn't automatically turn off, no small images/pages, no concerns over battery life or charging cables in the way, no concerns about aluminum-dirtied fingers leaving 'gross' all over my Kindle's screen.

If you're looking for a book to de-mystify scale mail, this is IT. The Ring Lord's instructions confused me and I got this for Kindle. Her directions are SO clear and easy to follow!! Great projects with a beautiful look.

Another great book by Karen Karon! I just love Karon's teaching style. Just like her first chain maille jewelry workshop book, this book contains detailed and easy to follow instructions and diagrams that you can easily follow to learn chain maille. If you want to learn this art form, I would highly suggest you start with this book's predecessor and then move on to this book. You will be weaving beautiful items in no time!

Excellent additions to my jewellery making library. I've been doing chain maille work for about 25 years and these have great ideas and patterns to work into my maille.

There are only about 20 pages that actually instruct on incorporating scales, the rest is a pretty basic primer on other already published weaves.

Great book full of easy and more challenging patterns. Can't wait to start working on some of them!

Love her books. Instructions are clear. Highly recommend both of her books.

Very pleased with it and delivered on schedule!

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