

Unlike Single Spiral, the Double Spiral (sometimes called Rope) holds its shape and won't untwist. Once you know this weave, which requires you to double each ring you add, you can easily do single or tripled spiral.

Starting:
Pre-close 4 rings and pre-open a large pile.

1. Put 4 closed rings on one open and close the open ring.



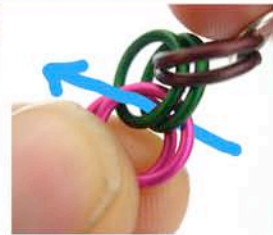
2. To double, weave another open through the 4 closed, and close.



3. Divide the group of 4 into two groups of 2, and tie off one group with a wire piece to designate your start point. The wire and first 2 rings will be removed when you finish.



To start the spiral, twist the bottom 2 rings to the left and smooch them upward. Your next rings will go through the bottom two groups of rings. You may want to use a wire to hold your place.



4. Add an open through the bottom 4 rings and close. Then double the ring by putting a second open through the same hole.



5. The bottom groups of rings are bunched together, and the next 2 rings go right through the center. Try to hold the weave in your hand to add these rings.



6. Once again, twist the bottom 2 rings to the left and push them up. Your next rings go through the bottom four, in the hole created after you twist & smooch.



7. Now the weave is locked in place, so you shouldn't have to keep twisting. Simply keep adding 2 sets of rings through the bottom 4 until your piece is as long as you'd like (save room for the clasp).



To finish, add 2 rings as normal (through 4), but use smaller rings. Then attach your clasp. At the beginning of the chain, remove the wire piece AND the first set of rings. Then weave 2 smaller rings as you did at the end. This brings both sides to a tapered, seamless finish. Attach your clasp here using new rings.



additional small rings attaching directly to clasp

Suggested Starting Ring Size:
L18 base metal, J17 SILV

P16, F20 and D22 also work great in base metal.

In sterling, you can use size F20, G19, L16, O14.

The weave in a nutshell:

A) Add a ring through the bottom 4
B) Double the ring

Repeat!