

Using Color in Chainmaille

One of my favorite ways to try out new color combinations on a familiar chainmaille weave is to scan in an all-aluminum version and print a black and white copy. Then I'll use coloring pencils to try out different color combinations on the weave. If you haven't colored anything in a while, I strongly urge you to try this method, and even to use crayons every now and then. The long-forgotten act of coloring will remind your body and mind what it was like to have the uninhibited creativity of a child. We adults often forget to give ourselves permission to explore without limits. Sometimes we just need a little push. And anyway, why should kids have all the fun?

