

## Chain Maille Santas by Karen Karon

Here is a guide to making my Tiny Scale and Chain Maille Santas. You'll need to know the following weaves – European 4-in-1 (E41), Jens Pind Linkage (JPL), Hoodoo Hex, Shaggy Loops and Mobius– to complete them, as the weave instructions are not included in this guide.

Note: All 20g jump rings are (AWG). 18g jump rings are (SWG). All Santas are approximately 2” to 2.25” in length.

Santa's Hat (same for all 5 Santas):

The hat is made from E41 weave. The first 8 rows of the hat (from the top down) are made with 36 20g 3/32” red anodized aluminum (AA) jump rings. Row 9 of the hat uses 9 20g 7/64” red AA jump rings. Row 10 of the hat uses 10 20g 7/64” silver AA jump rings. The pom-pom at the top of the hat is a 3-ring mobius using 20g 7/64” silver AA jump rings.

Santa's Face (for all 5 designs) is an 18g (SWG) 3/8” BA jump ring.

To attach the hat to the face, weave the face ring through the jump rings of row 10 (silver jump rings).



*Santa's Beards:*

Santa #1 – Tiny Scale Santa: To make the beard for this Santa follow my FREE Tiny Scale Earring pattern, which you can download from Interweave's website: <https://www.interweave.com/article/jewelry/free-chain-maille-jewelry-project-make-tiny-scale-maille-earrings-with-karen-karon/>

For this beard, I used tiny frost scales and 20g 7/64” silver AA jump rings.



Santa #2 – E41 Santa: This beard is made from a tapered piece of E41, using 20g 7/64” silver AA jump rings (81 jump rings), oriented as shown below. Weave the face ring through the jump rings at the top of the beard following the same method used for Santa #1.



Santa #3 – Hoodoo Hex Santa: This beard begins as a strip of Hoodoo Hex, made from 20g 3/32” silver AA jump rings, that has 9 edge rings on each side (below, 63 jump rings). Continue weaving Hoodoo Hex along one side of the strip, tapering each row until your beard is the length and shape you desire (approximately 115+/- additional jump rings). To attach the beard, weave the face ring through the 9 edge jump rings on the opposite side of the strip.



Santa #4 – JPL Santa: This beard consists of 6 small JPL chains made from 20g 3/32” silver AA jump rings, each separated by one spacer jump ring (also 20g, 3/32” silver AA). The two long chains in the center consist of 18 jump rings each, the 2 medium-length chains surrounding the center chains consist of 15 jump rings each and the 2 short outer chains consist of 12 jump rings each.

To attach the beard to the face jump ring, thread on one of the short chains, then one spacer jump ring, then one of the medium-length chains, then one spacer jump ring, then one of the long chains, then one spacer jump ring, then the other long chain, then one spacer jump ring, then the other medium-length chain, then one spacer jump ring, then the other short chain.



Santa #5 – Shaggy Loops Santa: This beard consists of 3 small Beaded Shaggy Loops chains. The two short outer chains consist of 5 pairs of beaded links (10 beaded links) and the center long chain consists of 6 pairs of beaded links (12 beaded links). Each beaded link is made from a Size 6 seed bead and a 20g 1/8” silver AA jump ring. Each pair of beaded links is connected in shaggy loops fashion using 20g 3/32” silver AA jump rings. Single beaded links are used as spacers.



To attach the beard to the face jump ring, thread on 2 beaded link spacers, then one of the short chains, then one beaded link spacer, then the long chain, then one beaded link spacer, then the other short chain, then 2 beaded link spacers.

Finishing:

Once the beards and hats are threaded on to the face jump ring, close the face jump ring. Fill in the sides of the face by adding a few additional jump rings to connect the top of each beard to the bottom of each hat (20g 7/64” silver AA; Santas 1-3), or by filling in the gap between the hat and the beard with additional spacer jump rings (20g 3/32” silver AA; Santas 4&5). You can connect the pom-pom on the hat to ear wires to make earrings, or to a bail to make a pendant. You could also hang them on your Christmas tree or use them as package toppers. Hope you have fun making them!



## Happy Holidays!

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