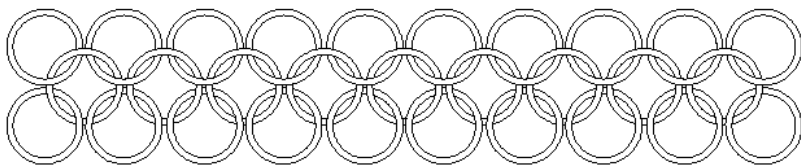
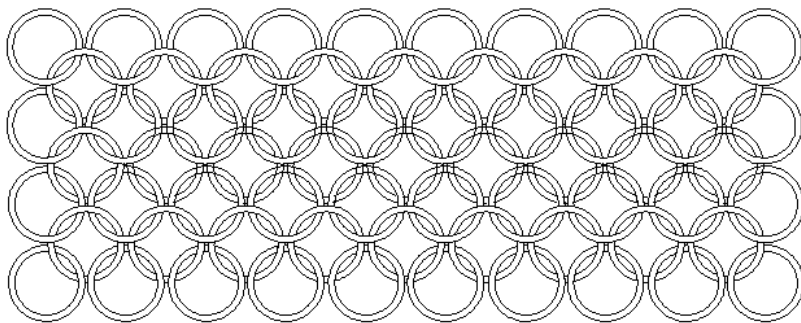


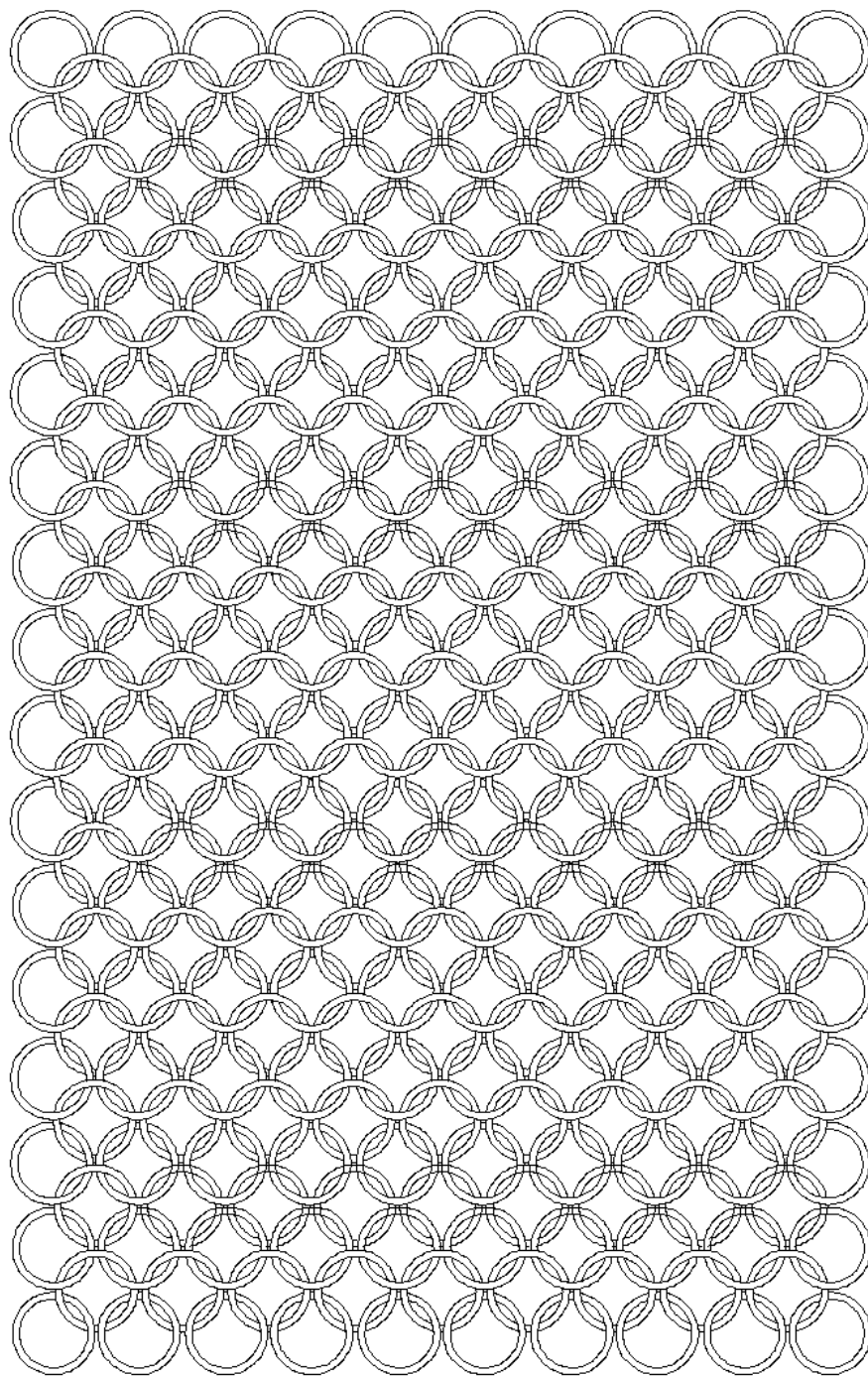
Make a basic
unit of maille
make five of these



knit them together
in a row like this.
Now make eight rows.

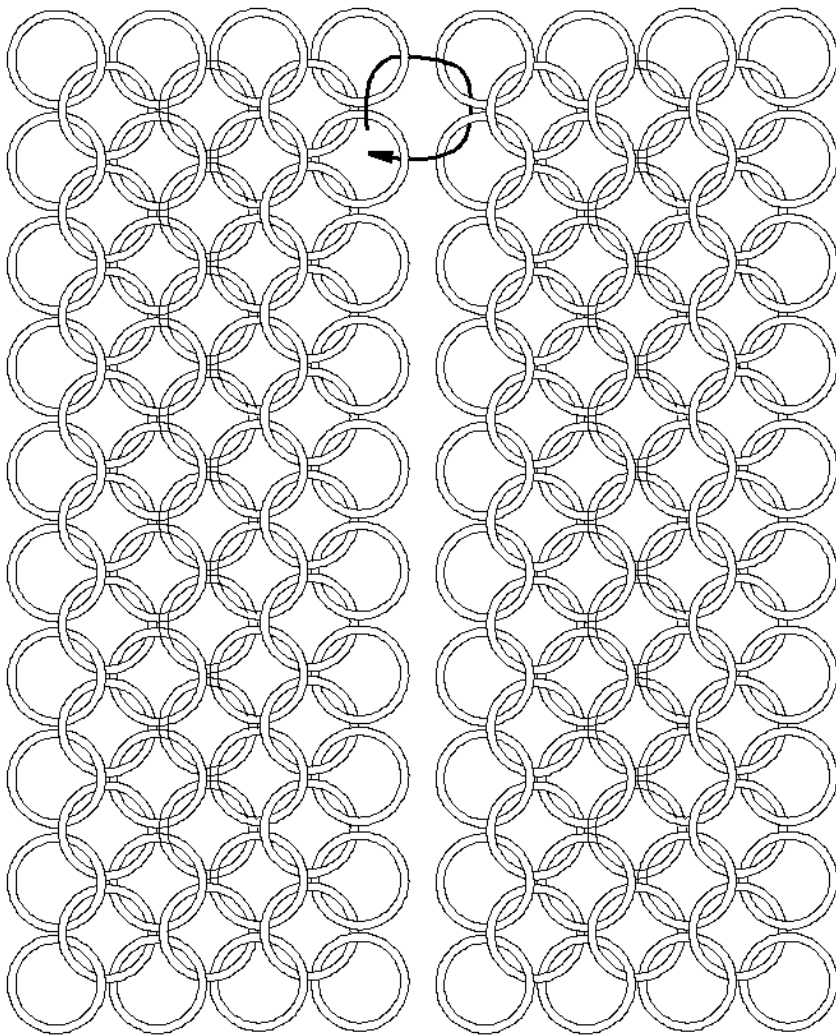


Knit the eight rows together
like this.



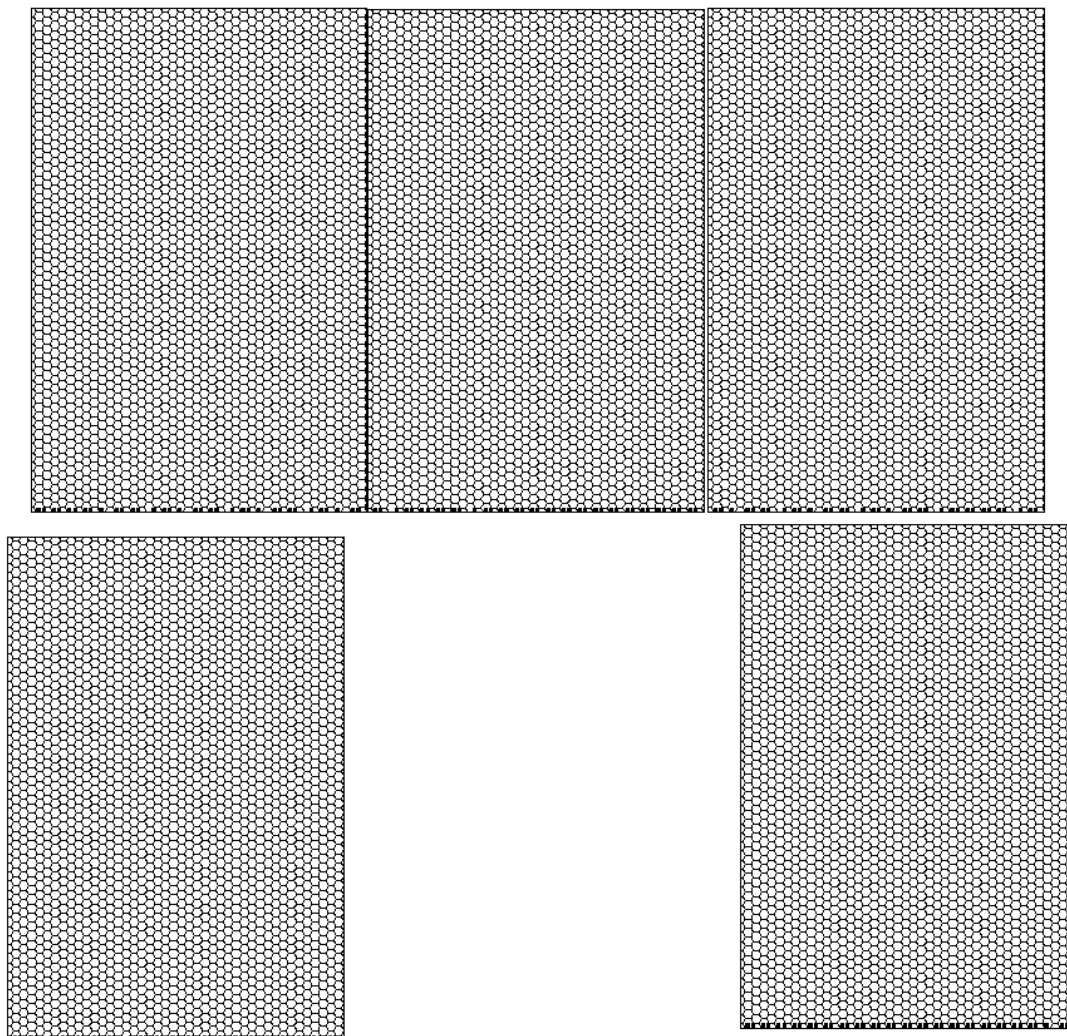
This should give you a
patch 5 x 8 basic units
Knit 45 of these.

Knit more for larger men. Approx. 60 for men 6 feet plus

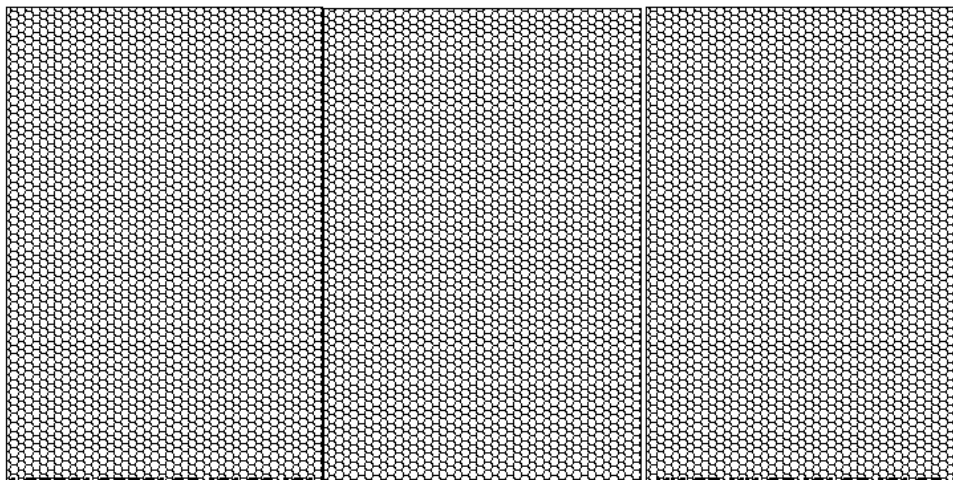
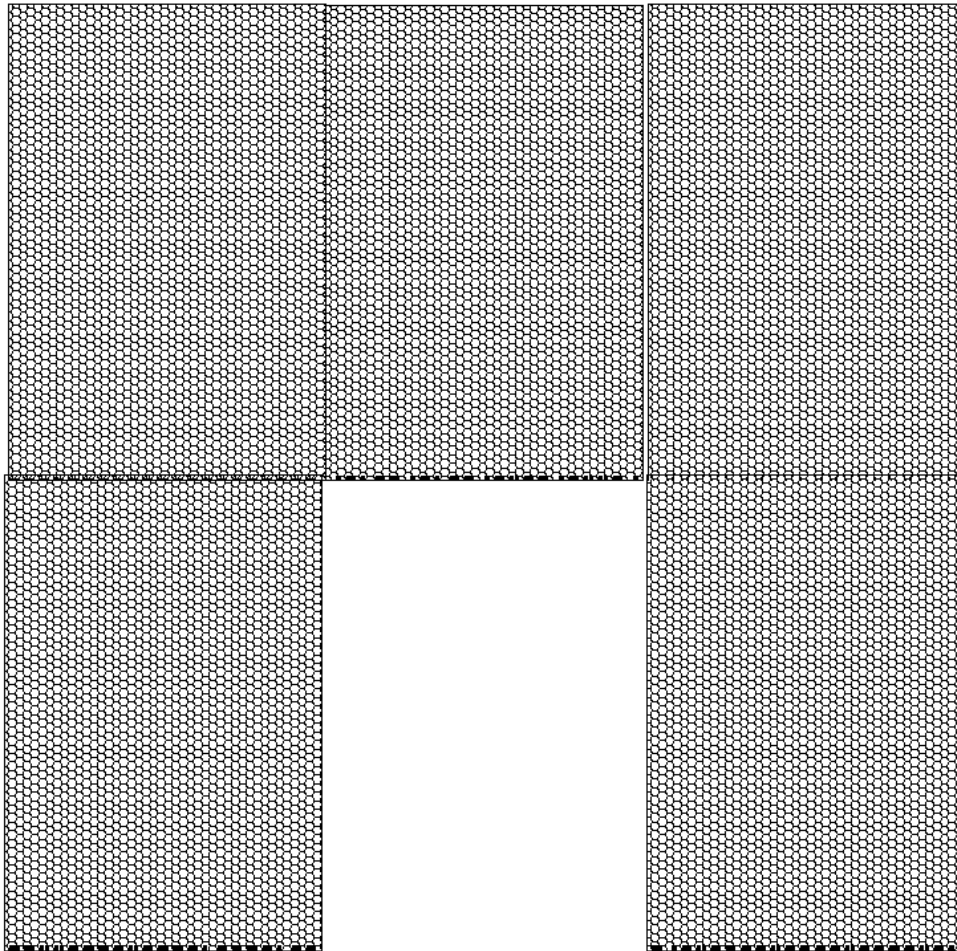


NOTE: Small patches are shown to reduce drawing size.

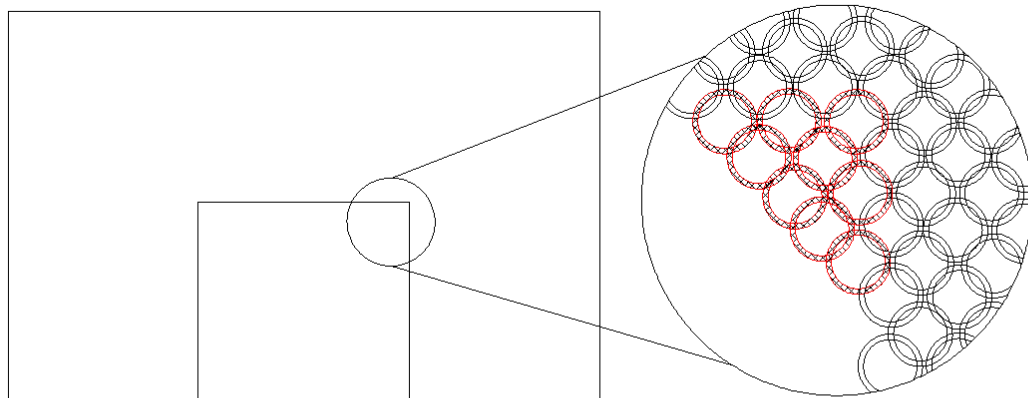
Measure yourself from shoulder(or client's). Each patch is about 5", so if you are 25" across the shoulders, knit 3 patches together as shown above.



Now add two patches to the bottom as shown.

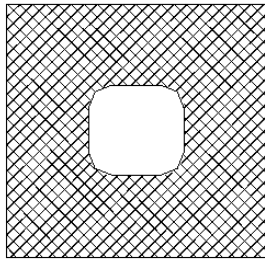


Knit three more patches together, and knit them to the bottom as shown.

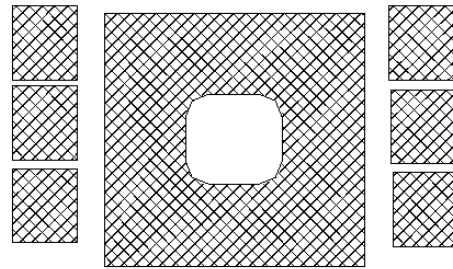


Now "round" off the corners for a better fit. Add more to the back portion than the front. Mark the front with colored thread for future reference.

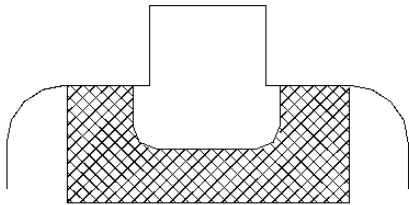
You should have a square like this.
The "square" should fit lower in the front



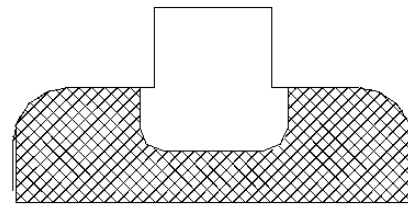
Your neck area should look something like this.



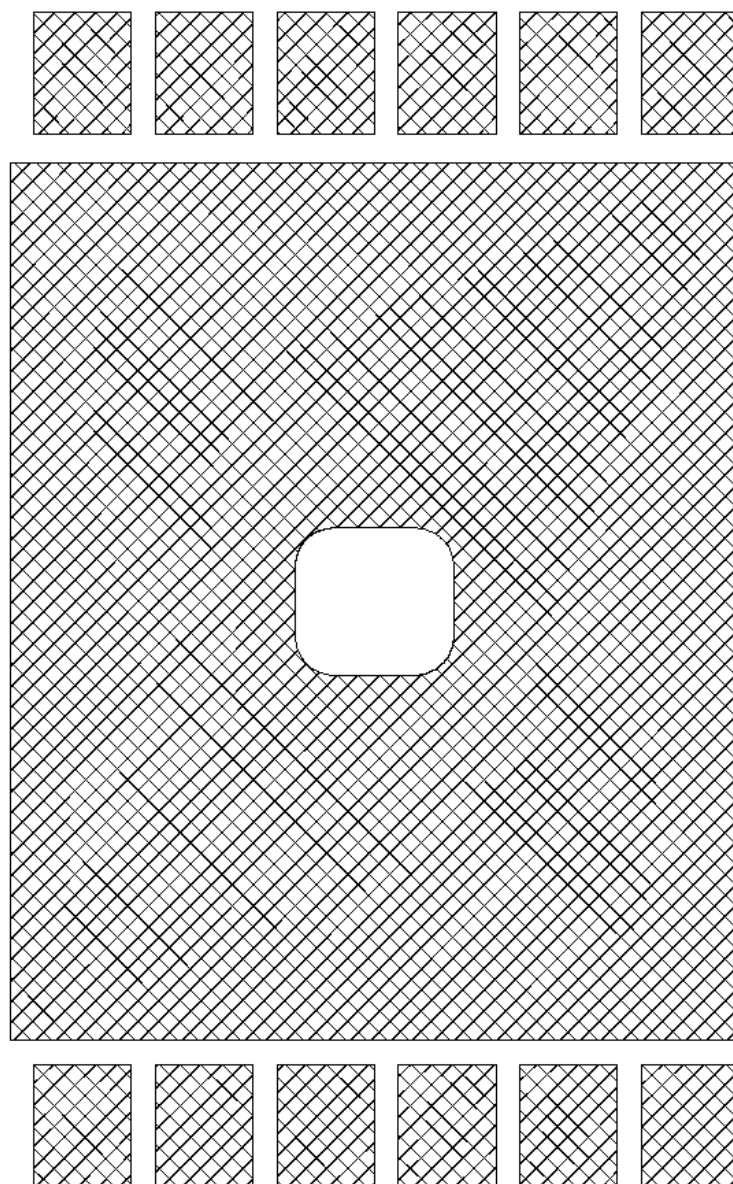
Add the patches like so.



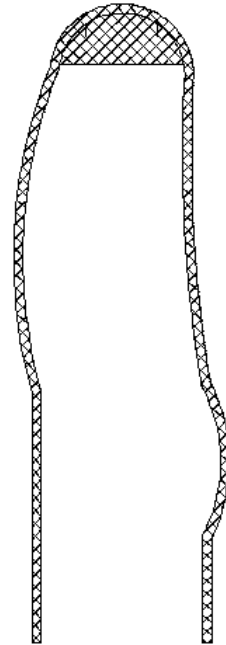
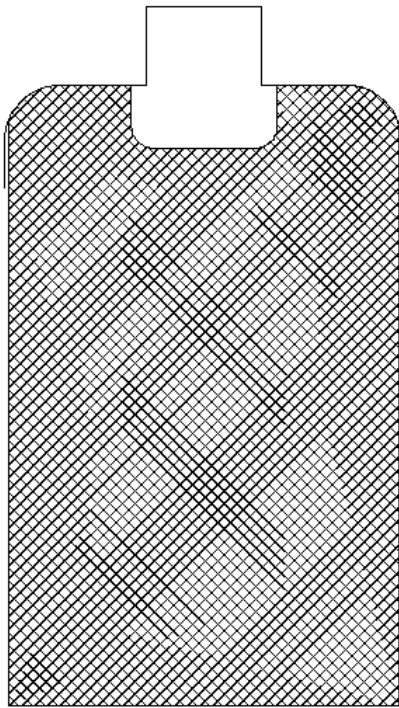
If the chain does not "flow" over the shoulders and looks like the above diagram, add another section of patches to either side.



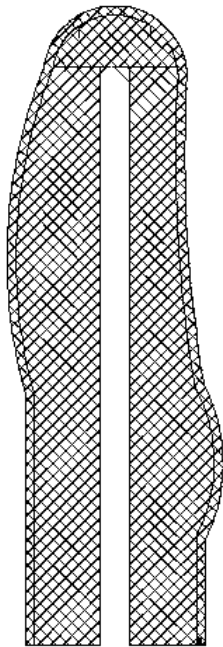
Your finished product should drape over the shoulders in a manner similar to this.



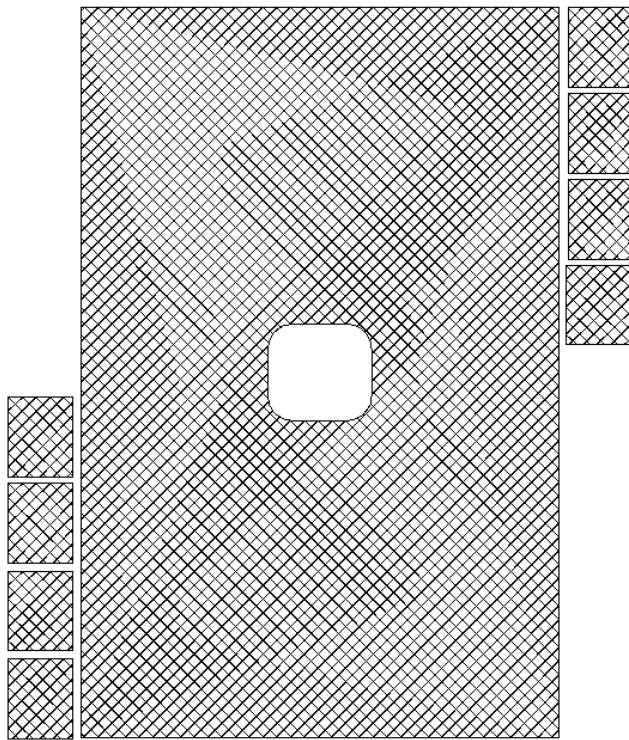
Add patches to the front and back until the chain reaches midthigh.



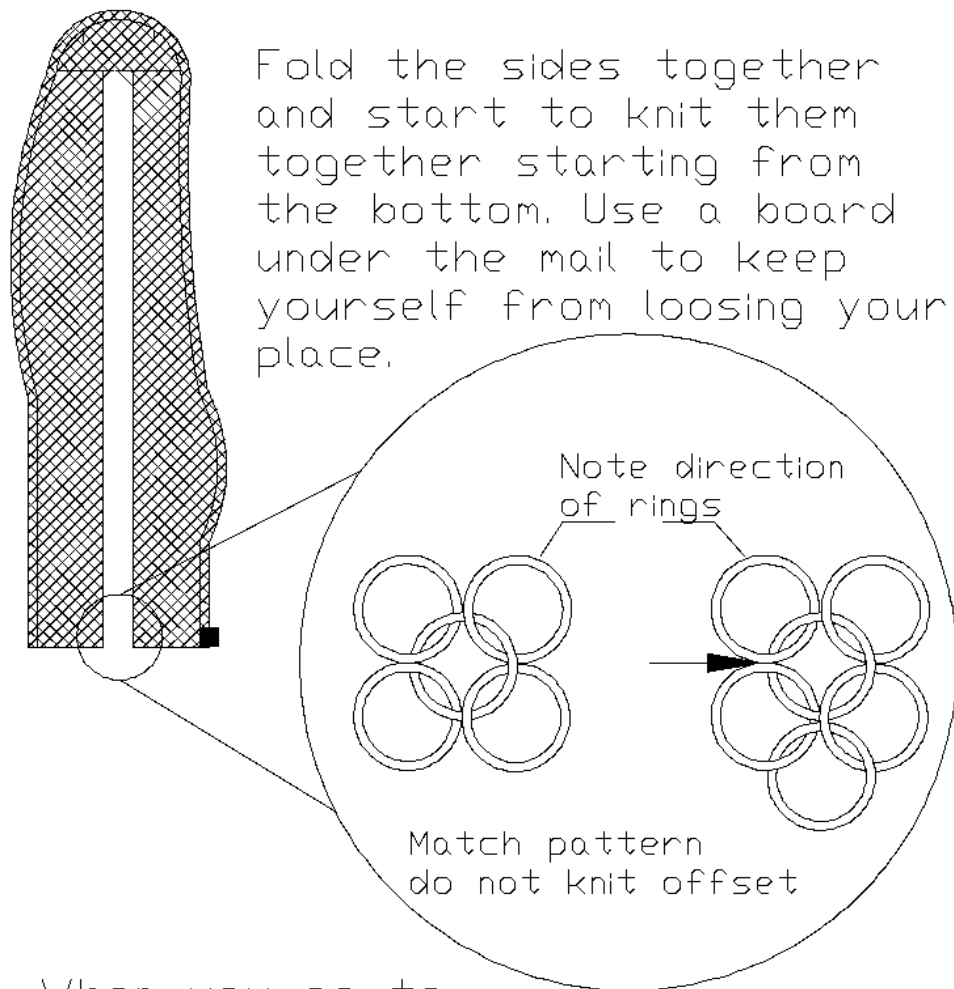
Try it on, chainmail should form fit around the body. Take note of the weight, and be careful not to strain yourself.



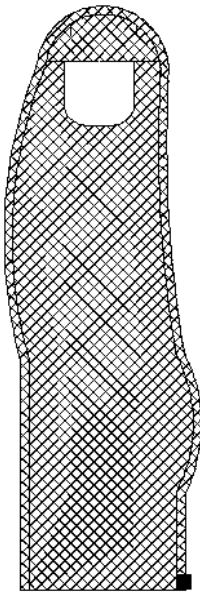
With some assistance, draw the chainmail together at the sides. See how tight the chain is across the front and back. If the chainmail touches at the sides, and has a good fit then proceed to page 11, else continue to page 10.



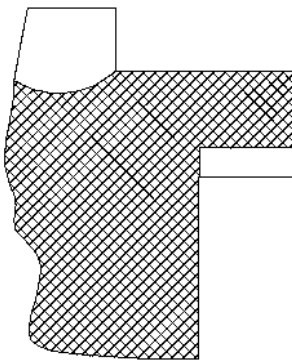
This next part is a little tricky.
measure the "gap" on the sides
Make a patch with the rings going
the same way as the other patches.
install patches on opposite sides as
shown. Now try it on again. If the
chainmail meets at the sides, proceed
to page 11.



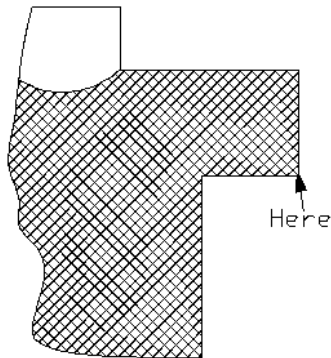
When you go to knit up the bottom, you will find that the chainmaille seems to be "offset" by one ring. make sure to "match" the pattern in the weave when you start to join the halves, you can always add the row of rings later. Continue to close the sides until you reach a point where the sleeve opening is comfortable.



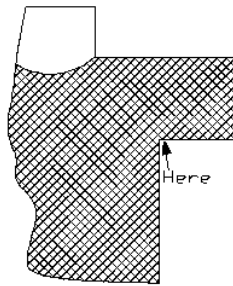
If all has gone well up to this point, you should have a complete vest that fits comfortable front to back. Now for the really fun part
The sleeves.



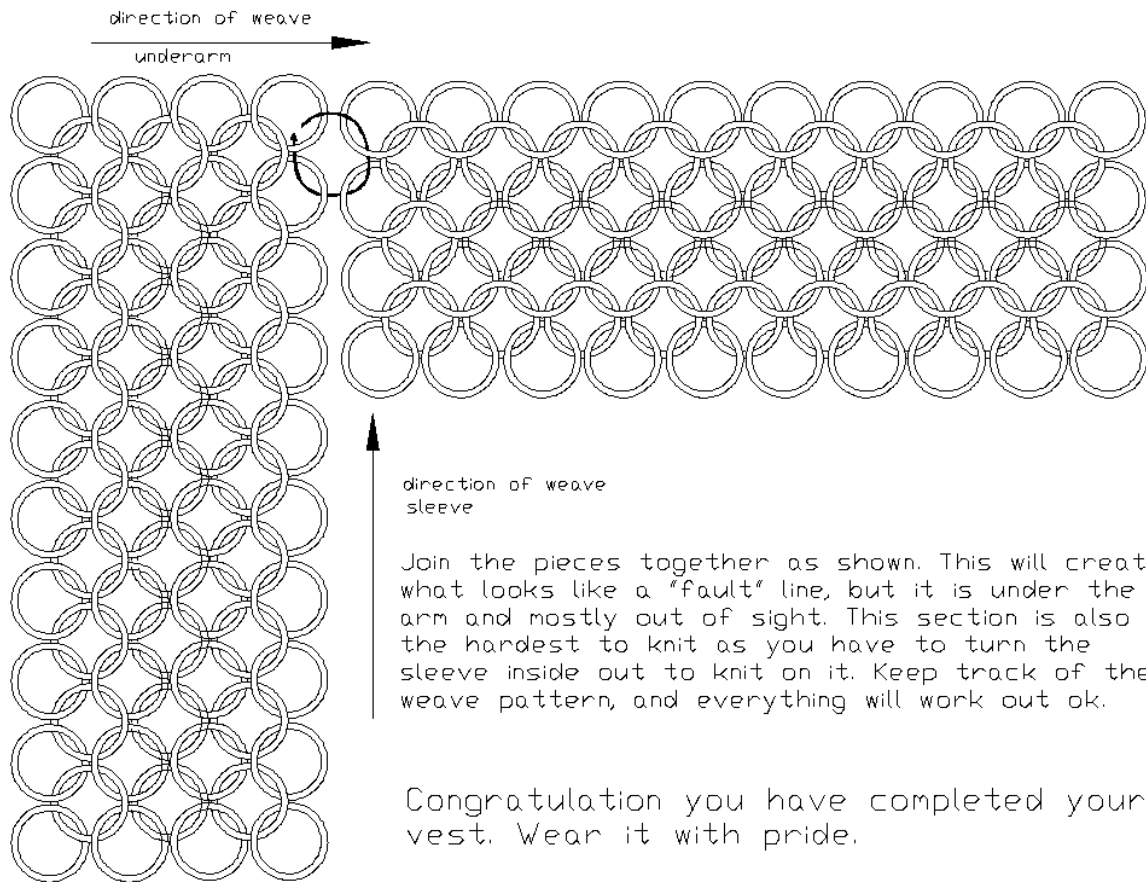
If the sleeve overhang does not meet under the arm in a comfortable manner, you must add small patches of maille until the maille hangs minimum 1" below the arm.



Now knit the pieces together starting from the outside, and knitting toward the body. Try to follow the "pattern" of the weave. A mistake at this point will cause the sleeve to twist.



As you get closer to the underarm area you will notice that the pattern runs at 90 degrees to the sleeve. You could leave it open....makes a great air vent....but also very noticeable. The best solution is to knit the hole closed.



Join the pieces together as shown. This will create what looks like a "fault" line, but it is under the arm and mostly out of sight. This section is also the hardest to knit as you have to turn the sleeve inside out to knit on it. Keep track of the weave pattern, and everything will work out ok.

Congratulations you have completed your vest. Wear it with pride.