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This is the basic way i make chain mail. I have also used this method for other textures.

Step 1: enter quick mask mode and mask out what you want to be chain mail and create a new layer call it layer 1.

Step 2: Lock transparencies on layer 1

Step 3: Use the blur tool to make it nice and smooth but still retain the lights and shadows.

Step 4: Duplicate layer 1 and call it layer 2 and lock transparencies

Step 5: Find a large and detailed picture of chain mail and open it.

Step 6: Use the clone tool and completely fill layer 2 with the chain mail from the chain mail picture.

Step 7: Desaturate layer 1 and layer 2

Step 8: Set the layer properties of layer 2 to Multiply

Step 9: Color layer 1 & 2 using the B.A. Method of coloring (see B.A. Start to Finish tutorial)

Step 10: touch up-use dodge, burn etc to get some additional highlight and shadows on layer 1

I have used this method for alot of different textures. This is how i made the chain mail in both my Captian America & Magnus Pictures As well as the Scales on the purple half of my Metamorpho. Experiment with it. See what you can do. I have also used it for leather texture on a picture i never finished.