

# Double Bottom Round Basket



Base: 9 1/2" Round  
Top: 10" Round  
Sides: 6 1/2"  
Handle: Push-In Hardwood

Materials: 12 pieces @ 26" - 5/8" flat reed (spokes)  
75' - #3 round reed (twining)  
75' - 1/4" flat oval reed (weavers)  
1 piece @ 42" - 3/8" flat reed (weaver)  
2 pieces @ 40" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)  
1 piece @ 38" - #6 round reed (rim filler)  
1 pieces @ 9' - 3/16" flat oval reed (lashing)  
1 - 10" span square push-in hardwood handle

Soak all of the spokes and #3 round reed for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides of six of the spokes and lay them out horizontally in front of you. With a ruler, mark the centers, 2" to the right of center and 2" to the left of center on the six spokes. Lay the marked spokes out in a spoke-like design. Begin twining with a long length of the #3 round reed folded not quite in half. The first round of twining should create about a 4" circle. Continue twining for 6 to 8 more rounds until the spaces between the spokes are large enough to add more spokes. Do not end the #3 twiners as they will be used to connect the second base to this first one. Set this first base aside. Make a second base with the remaining six spokes exactly the same size as the first base. End these twiners by tucking them into the last round of twining. Lay the second base on top of the first base lining up the spokes in between the spaces. Using the twiners attached to the first base, twine the double layered base until it measures 9 1/2". Slightly upsett the spokes and twine four more rounds. Clip and tuck the round twiners.

The sides of the basket are woven in the continuous "weave & chase" method. Taper 6"- 8" of two pieces of the 1/4" flat oval reed. Secure the first weaver behind a spoke and weave half way around the basket. Secure the second weaver behind the second spoke to the right of the first starting point and weave it around "chasing" the first weaver. When the weavers run out, they are ended the same way as a start/stop weaver ~ overlap the ends of the old weaver and new weaver for four spokes, hiding both ends behind a spoke. Continuously weave with both pieces until the basket is 5 1/2" tall. (If desired, the push-in handle may be clothes pinned in place to help shape the sides of the basket after 4 or 5 rows of weaving.) When you reach the top of the basket, taper each end again for about 6" and stop them about where you started. Start/stop weave the last 3/8" flat reed row.

Fold and tuck all of the outside stakes into the inside of the basket. Clip the remaining inside stakes flush with the top row of weaving. Slide the tails of the basket handle down into several rows of weaving. Soak and fit the inside and outside rims. Fit the #6 round rim filler. **Single-lash** the rims and filler down tightly with the 3/16" flat oval reed lasher.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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