

Painted Round Basket



Base: 12" Round
Sides: 7 1/2"
Handle: Push-In Hardwood

Materials: 10 pieces @ 34" – 1" flat reed (spokes)
70' - #4 round reed (twining)
11 pieces @ 48" – 5/8" flat reed (weavers)
2 pieces @ 46" - 7/8" flat reed (inside & outside rims)
1 piece @ 46" – 3/8" flat reed (outside rim trim)
1 piece @ 44" - #7 round reed (rim filler)
1 piece @ 9' – 1/4" flat reed (lashing)
1 - 12" span square push-in hardwood handle
10 small brass tacks – rim trim fasteners

Soak all of the spokes and #4 round reed for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides of five of the spokes and lay them out horizontally in front of you. With a ruler, mark the centers, 2 1/2" to the right of center and 2 1/2" to the left of center on the five spokes. Lay the marked spokes out in a spoke-like design. Begin twining with a long length of the #4 round reed folded not quite in half. The first round of twining should create about a 5" circle. Continue twining rounds until the spaces between the spokes are large enough to add more spokes. Twine in the remaining five spokes and continue until the base measures just shy of 12". Clip the round twiners. Upsett the spokes.

Over and under weave 11 rows of 5/8" flat reed. (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.)

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. Clothes pin the 3/8" flat reed trim piece around the outside rim. Sandwich the #7 round rim filler in between the rims. **Single-lash** the rims and trim down tightly with the 1/4" flat reed lasher. Nail the small tacks through the rim trim into the folded and tucked spokes.

The basket pictured was finished by first staining the whole thing in a dark walnut oil stain. After that dried the basket was painted with a water-based craft paint and rubbed with a rag dipped in linseed oil (while the paint was wet).

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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