

Cherry Pie Basket



Base: 12" Round
Sides: 3 1/2"
Handle: 10"

Materials: 7 pieces @ 24" - 5/8" flat reed (spokes)
16 pieces @ 8" - 5/8" flat reed (spokes)
70' - #3 round reed (base twining)
3 pieces @ 48" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
2 pieces @ 48" - 1/4" flat **dyed** reed (weavers)
1 piece @ 48" - 7/8" flat reed (weaver)
1 piece @ 48" - 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
2 pieces @ 46" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
1 piece @ 44" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
several long lengths - 11/64" flat reed (lashers)
1 market D handle - 12"w x 10"h

Soak the spokes pieces and #3 round reed for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and centers. Find the center of the handle and lay out the seven 24" pieces in a spoke-like fashion inside the handle. 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 6 1/2" circle. Continue twining for 4 to 6 more rounds until the spaces between the spokes are large enough to add more spokes. Twine in the remaining 16 spokes and continue until the base measures 12". Clip the round twiners. Upsett the spokes.

Over and under weave the following: 2 rows - 1/2" flat reed (The first row of weaving should be woven on the outside of the handle.)

1 row - 1/4" flat **dyed** reed
1 row - 7/8" flat reed
1 row - 1/4" flat dyed reed
1 row - 1/2" flat reed
1 row - 3/8" flat reed

Fold and tuck all of the outside spokes into the inside of the basket. Clip the inside stakes level with the top of the last row of 3/8" weaving.

Soak the rim pieces and lasher for several minutes. Fit the inside and outside rims overlapping the ends by about 3 inches. Sandwich the #6 round rim filler between the two rims clipping it on either sides of the handle. **Double-lash** everything down tightly.

With crafter's paints or stencils, decorate the 7/8" flat reed row with blueberries, cherries, apples, or flowers.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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