

Breast Cancer Awareness Tote Basket



Base: 3" x 10 1/2" Filled
Sides: 9"
Handle: Leather Strapping

Materials:

- 3 pieces @ 33" - 5/8" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 2 pieces @ 18" - 3/8" flat **dyed pink** reed (bottom fillers)
- 6 pieces @ 26" - 5/8" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 2 pieces @ 26" - 5/8" flat **dyed pink** reed (vertical stakes)
- 1 piece @ 26" - 3/8" flat reed (vertical stake)
- 1 piece @ 36" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
- 18 pieces @ 38" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)
- 2 pieces @ 38" - 5/8" flat **dyed pink** reed (weavers)
- 2 pieces @ 36" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 34" - #6 round **dyed pink** reed (rim filler)
- 2 pieces @ 7" - 11/64" flat oval reed (lasher)
- 1 pair - 24" leather strapping handles
- 1 piece @ 12" - 1/2" flat **dyed pink** reed (bow)

Soak the stake pieces, bottom fillers, and locking row for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and mark the centers. Lay out the three - 33" stakes horizontally in front of you rough sides up. Place the two bottom filler pieces in between the three stakes. Lifting stake #'s 1 and 3, slide a 26" vertical stake **under** the two lifted stakes, and **over** the center horizontal stake and its fillers. Over and under weave four - 5/8" natural vertical stakes to the right of the center stake. Over and under weave to the left of the center vertical stake: one - 5/8" flat **dyed pink** stake, one - 3/8" flat reed stake, one - 5/8" flat **dyed pink** stake, and one - 5/8" flat natural stake. Square up the base to 10" x 2 1/2". Criss-cross fold, clip, and tuck the filler pieces into the third stakes from each end of the base, (to the inside bottom of the basket). Weave in the locking row. Upsett the stakes.

Soak all of the weavers. Over and under weave the following rows:

- 3 rows - 3/8" flat reed
- 1 row - 5/8" flat **dyed pink** row
- 1 row - 3/8" flat reed
- 1 row - 5/8" flat **dyed pink** row
- 14 rows - 3/8" flat reed

When weaving the 14th row of 3/8" reed, be sure to slip the weaver through the handle loops at the 3rd and 7th stake positions on both sides of the basket. (See above picture.)

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. Soak and fit the inside and outside rims. Fit the #6 round rim filler. **Double-lash** the rims and filler down tightly with the 11/64" flat oval reed lasher.

Fashion a bow on the front of your basket as shown in the picture.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

The ends of each handle come riveted. You slide end of the handle on to the last weaver (row) of the basket, then cut and tuck the spokes and rim as normal.

