

Doorknob Basket



Base: 4" Round Top
Sides: 3 1/2"
Handle: 7" Tall

Materials: 6 pieces @ 15" - 1/2" flat reed (spokes)
12' - 1/4" flat reed (weavers)
1 piece @ 16" - 1/4" flat reed (last weaver)
2 pieces @ 16" - 1/2" flat reed (inside & outside rims)
1 piece @ 15" - #5 round reed (rim filler)
1 piece @ 32" - 11/64" flat reed (lasher)
1 leather handle - 1/2" x 9 1/2" riveted
2 pieces @ 16" - 1/4" flat **dyled** reed (bow & tie)

Soak the 6 spoke pieces and the 1/4" flat reed weaver pieces for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and centers of the 6 - 1/2" pieces. Lay the marked spokes out in a clockwise design (9 o'clock, 11 o'clock, 1 o'clock, 10 o'clock, 2 o'clock, and 12 o'clock), rough sides up. Split the 6 o'clock spoke in half lengthwise to the center of the base. Taper 6" - 8" of the 1/4" flat reed down to half its width. Starting between the split spoke, continuous weave two rounds counter clockwise flat on the table. Now turn the base over and while "cupping" the basket in your hand upside down, weave 11 more rounds, tapering the last 6" - 8" and ending between the split spoke. Treating the split spoke as one, start and stop weave one last row of 1/4" flat reed being sure to slip the weaver through the leather handle loops at the back of the basket.

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. Fit the inside and outside rims sandwiching the #5 round rim filler in between. Single lash the rims and filler down tightly with the 11/64" flat reed lasher.

Fashion a small bow with the 1/4" flat **dyled** reed and secure it to the front of the basket with the tie.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*