



Base: 8 1/2" Round
 Top: 10" Round
 Sides: 4 1/2"
 Handle: 13" Hardwood

Fair Isle Easter Basket

Materials: 6 pieces @ 24" - 5/8" flat reed (spokes)
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 42' - #3 round reed (twining)
 5 pieces @ 38" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)
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 2 pieces @ 36" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
 1 piece @ 34" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
 1 piece @ 8' - 1/4" flat oval reed (lashing)
 1 - 10" span push-in hardwood handle

Soak the six natural spokes and #3 round reed for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides of the spokes and lay them out horizontally in front of you. With a ruler, mark the centers, 2 1/4" to the right of center, and 2 1/4" to the left of center. Lay the marked spokes out in a spoke like design. Taking a long piece of #3 round reed, crimp and fold it not quite in half. Begin twining around the spokes on the marks making certain your first round makes a 4 1/2" circle. Continue twining a total of seven rounds. On the eighth round, add the remaining six **dyed** spokes one at a time, in between the original six natural spokes. Continue twining until the base measures 8 1/2" across. End the twiners on the inside of the basket and gently upset the spokes.

Over and under weave the following rows: 4 rows - 1/4" flat reed (the first row must start on the **outside**
 5 rows - 3/8" flat **dyed** reed of a natural spoke)
 1 row - 3/8" flat reed

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 1/4" flat oval reed lasher.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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