Footed Wool Basket

Base: 10" Round
Top: 13" Round
Sides: 8"
Handles: 11"
Feet: 1" Wooden

Materials:

6 pieces @ 30" - 7/8" flat reed spokes)
6 pieces @ 30" - 3/4" flat reed spokes)
55' - #3 round reed (twining)
6 pieces @ 48" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)
6 pieces @ 48" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
1 piece @ 48" - 7/8" flat reed (weaver)
2 pieces @ 46" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
1 piece @ 44" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
2 pieces @ 8' - 3/16" flat oval reed (lashers)
4 - 5" wooden feet
2 - small bushel basket handles

Soak all of the spokes and #3 round reed for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides of six of the 7/8" spokes and lay them out horizontally in front of you, (rough sides up). With a ruler, mark the centers, 3" to the right of center and 3" to the left of center on the six spokes. Lay the marked spokes out in a spokelike design. 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" circle. Continue twining for 6 to 8 more rounds until the spaces between the spokes are large enough to add more spokes. Twine in the remaining six 3/4" spokes and continue until the base measures just under 10". Clip and end the round twiners. Upsett the stakes slightly. Soak the weavers.

Over and under weave the following rows:

5 rows - 3/8" flat reed	(The first row should start on the
6 rows - 1/2" flat reed	OUTSIDE of a 7/8" spoke.)
1 row - 7/8" flat reed	
1 row - 3/8" flat reed	

Fold and tuck all of the outside spokes into the inside of the basket. Clip the remaining inside spokes flush with the top row of weaving. Slide the tails of the bushel basket handles down into several rows of weaving on opposite sides of the basket. Soak and fit the inside and outside rims. Sandwich the #6 round reed rim filler between the rims. **Double-lash** the rims and filler down tightly with the 3/16" flat reed lasher. Insert the four feet into the bottom base as shown in the above picture.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*