

# Holiday Gift Basket



Base: 5 1/2" Round  
Sides: 4"  
Handle: Wood & Wire Bale Swing Handle

Materials:

- 4 pieces @ 19" - 5/8" flat reed (spokes)
- 4 pieces @ 19" - 3/8" flat **dyed** reed (spokes)
- 24' - #3 round reed (twining)
- 4 pieces @ 26" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
- 2 pieces @ 26" - 3/8" flat **dyed** reed (weavers)
- 1 piece @ 26" - 1/2" flat **dyed** reed (weaver)
- 1 piece @ 26" - 3/8" flat reed (weaver)
- 2 pieces @ 24" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 @ 22" - #5 round reed (rim filler)
- 1 piece @ 5' - 3/16" flat oval reed (lasher)
- 1 wire & wooden bean pot handle (4" x 5") with ears

Soak the spoke pieces and #3 round reed for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and centers of the four 5/8" spokes. Put a pencil mark 1 1/2" to the right of center and 1 1/2" to the left of center. Lay out these four pieces in a spoke-like design. Begin twining with a long length of the #3 round reed folded not quite in half. The first round of twining should create a 3" circle. Continue twining for four rounds until the spaces between the spokes are large enough to add more spokes. Twine in the remaining four 3/8" **dyed** spokes and continue until the base measures 5 1/2", (about 8 or 9 rounds total). Clip the round twiners.

Upsett the spokes. Over and under weave:

- 2 rows - 1/2" flat reed (being sure the first row starts on the **outside**
- 1 row - 3/8" flat **dyed** reed of a 3/8" flat **dyed** spoke)
- 1 row - 1/2" flat **dyed** reed
- 1 row - 3/8" flat **dyed** reed
- 2 rows - 1/2" flat reed
- 1 row - 3/8" flat reed

Position the wire ears on opposite sides of the basket. Fold all of the outside stakes to the inside of the basket and tuck them down into several rows of weaving. (The stakes will tuck over the tails of the wire ears.) Clip the inside stakes flush or a bit below the last row of weaving.

Soak the rim pieces and lasher for several minutes. Fit the inside and outside rims overlapping 3 inches. Sandwich the #5 round reed rim filler between the two rims. **Single-lash** everything down tightly with the 3/16" lasher. Bend the ends of the wire handle through the ears.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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