

Jelly Basket



Base: 3" x 7 1/2"
Sides: 3"
Handle: Wire & Wooden Bale

Materials:

- 3 pieces @ 18" - 1/2" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 7 pieces @ 13" - 1/2" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 2 pieces @ 15" - 3/8" flat reed (bottom fillers)
- 1 piece @ 26" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
- 4 pieces @ 28" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)
- 3 pieces @ 28" - 3/8" flat **dyed** reed (weavers)
- 2 pieces @ 26" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 24" - #5 round reed or #3 sea grass (rim filler)
- 1 piece @ 5' - 11/64" flat oval reed (lasher)
- 1 - 4" x 5" jelly jar handle with ears

Soak the stake pieces and bottom filler pieces. Find the rough sides and centers. Lay out 3 - 18" pieces horizontally in front of you. Lay the two filler pieces in between the stakes. Lift the center horizontal stake and the two filler pieces, and slide the center vertical stake **underneath** the center lifted stake and fillers. (The center vertical stake will go **under** the center horizontal stake and fillers.) Now weave three vertical stakes to the right of center and three to the left of center. (Always treat the bottom fillers and the stake in between the fillers as a single stake when over and under weaving.) Square up the base to 2 1/2" x 7". Crisscross fold the ends of the filler pieces and tuck them into the third vertical stake from each end, clipping them to hide under the stake. Over and under weave the 1/4" locking row around the stake pieces. Upsett the stakes.

Over and under weave the following rows:

- 3 rows - 3/8" flat reed
- 3 rows - 3/8" flat **dyed** 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 wire tails of the 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 or #3 sea grass rim filler between the two rims clipping it on either sides of the handle ears. **Single-lash** everything down tightly with the 11/64" lasher. Bend the ends of the wire handle through the ears.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*