

Patriot Wall Basket



Base: 4" x 9" Filled
Top: 5" x 10"
Sides: 9 1/2"
Handle: Hardwood Bushel Basket

Materials:

- 3 pieces @ 35" - 3/4" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 7 pieces @ 30" - 3/4" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 2 pieces @ 17" - 1/2" flat reed (fillers)
- 1 piece @ 28" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
- 7 pieces @ 32" - 1/2" flat **dyed red** reed (weavers)
- 6 pieces @ 32" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
- 1 piece @ 32" - 1 1/2" tulip poplar, maple or oak **dyed navy** (weaver)
- 1 piece @ 32" - 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
- 2 pieces @ 30" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 28" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
- 1 piece @ 9" - 11/64" flat reed (lasher)
- 1 - 3 1/2" span bushel basket handle

Soak the stake pieces and bottom filler pieces. Find the rough sides and centers. Lay out 3 - 35" pieces horizontally in front of you. Lay the two filler pieces in between the stakes. Lift stake #'s 1 & 3 AND the filler pieces and slide the center vertical stake **underneath** the lifted stakes and fillers. (The center vertical stake will go **over** the center horizontal stake.) Now weave three vertical stakes to the right of center and three to the left of center. (Always treat the bottom fillers and their stakes as single stakes when over and under weaving.) Square up the base to 3 1/4" x 8 1/2". 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:

- 1 row - 1/2" flat **dyed red** reed
- 1 row - 1/2" flat reed
- (repeat these two rows five more times)
- 1 row - 1/2" flat **dyed red** reed
- 1 row - 1 1/2" oak veneer **dyed navy**
- 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 on the back of the basket. Soak and fit the inside and outside rims. Fit the #6 round rim filler. ***Double-lash*** the rims and filler tightly with the 11/64" flat reed lasher.

Hand paint or stencil small white stars all around the basket on the 1 1/2" navy blue row of weaving.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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