

Vintage Easter Basket



Base: 9 1/2" Round
Top: 10" Round
Sides: 5"
Handle: 14"

Materials:

- 12 pieces @ 24" - 5/8" flat reed (spokes)
- 56' - #3 round reed (twining)
- 7 pieces @ 40" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)
- 4 pieces @ 40" - 1/4" flat oval reed (weavers)
- 1 piece @ 40" - 5/8" flat reed (weaver)
- 2 pieces @ 38" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 36" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
- 1 piece @ 7' - 1/4" flat oval reed (lashing)
- 1 round push-in handle - 10" span

Soak all of the spokes and #3 round reed for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides of six of the spokes and lay them out horizontally in front of you. With a ruler, mark the centers, 2 1/2" to the right of center and 2 1/2" to the left of center on the six spokes. Lay the marked spokes out in a clockwise design (12 o'clock, 10 o'clock, 2 o'clock, 11 o'clock, 1 o'clock, and 9 o'clock). 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 5" circle. Continue twining until the spaces between the spokes are wide enough to add the remaining six spokes, one at a time in between the original six spokes. Keep twining, splicing in new #3 round reeds as necessary, until the base measures 9 1/2". End the twiners. Upsett the stakes.

Over and under weave the following rows::	5 rows - 3/8" flat reed	(The push-in handle may be
	2 rows - 1/4" flat oval reed	clothes pinned in place to help
	1 row - 5/8" flat reed	shape the sides of the basket
	2 rows - 1/4" flat oval reed	after 4 or 5 rows of weaving.)
	2 rows - 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 being sure to put an "X" around the handle ends.

The basket pictured was dipped in a woodworking stain. Once that was dry, the rim was tapped off and the basket was finished with an acrylic spray paint, (i.e. Rustoleum 2X Painter's Touch).

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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