

Arrows Easter Basket

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Materials:

Spokes: 1/2" Flat 11@ 24"
(handle) 1@ 65"
Weavers: 1/2" Flat
1/4" Flat or Flat/Oval
#3 Round, Natural & Dyed 3 Colors
Rim Row: 3/8" Flat
Handle Filler & Rims: 1/2" Flat/Oval
Handle Wrapping & Lashing: 3/16" Flat/Oval

The Three Rod Arrows design is taken from
American Pie Dreams created by Annetta Kraayeveld.



10" Diameter x 5" H at rim

Base: On six of the 24" spokes mark center on rough side and again 1-1/2" on each side of center. Mark balance of spokes in center on rough side. Arrange the six 24" spokes in a circle and fasten with a T pin or push pin. Place an "X" on spoke #1. Make a loop on one long piece of #3 round and begin twining around spokes at the 1-1/2" mark.

After completing two rows, remove the T pin and adjust the twining to form a good circle. Continue to twine until base measures 5-1/2" and weavers are around spoke marked with X.

Add the remaining 24" spokes and the handle spoke. Place 1 spoke across the base to the right of the marked spoke with the center marks lined up. Twine around the new spoke and then the spoke to the right of it. Repeat until all remaining spokes have been added. Continue twining until base diameter measures 7-1/2". Crimp the weavers at the marked spoke. Take the weavers around the marked spoke and to the outside of the basket. Upsett spokes.

Sides: From the outside of the basket, hold the spokes down toward the center so you can twine two rows up the sides. Weave 1 row with 1/4" flat or flat oval and then 2 rows with 1/2" flat.

Form Handle: Overlap the handle spokes to form the handle and insert 1/2" flat oval handle filler material.

Using one piece each of the 3 contrasting colors of #3 round, weave 5 rows of Three Rod Arrow. This will create the colored arrow or Bargello pattern.

Three Rod Arrow:

Each Three Rod Arrow row consists of the following 2 rows:

Row 1: 1 row of 3 rod wale (triple twine) with a step up to end the row.

Row 2: 1 row of reverse 3 rod wale (triple twine) with a reverse step up to end the row.

Weave: 2 rows with 1/2" flat
1 row with 3/8" flat. This will be your rim row

Cut and tuck.

Handle Wrap: Make a mark on the handle 1-1/2 to 2 inches above the top of the basket on each side. Braid one piece each of the 3 colors #3 round and lay over the handle and anchor with a clothes pin. Using 3/16" flat oval begin wrapping the handle (catching the end of the braid) up to the mark. Hold the braided piece out from the handle and wrap around the handle twice going under the braid. Continue wrapping handle, going over the braiding 2 wraps and under 2 wraps until you reach the mark on the other side of the handle. Continue wrapping the balance of the handle covering the end of the braid. Tuck the end of the wrap under the inside rim and one row of weaving.

Rim: Rim with 1/2" flat oval inside and out, lashing with 3/16" flat oval. To add a bit more color, make another braid from the 3 colors of #3 round and use for a rim filler. Seagrass can also be used.