

Aunt Sissy's Garden Wall

Size: approx. 10" w x 8 1/2" h (handle not included)

Materials Needed:

- 3/8" Flat
- 5/8" Flat
- 3/16" Flat Oval (lasher & weaver)
- 1/2" Flat Oval (rims)
- #1 Round
- #3 Round (dyed optional)
- Seagrass
- 2" X 9" slotted wood base
- 3" – 3 1/2" bushel handle



Base:

- Cut: 18 spokes from 5/8 Flat, 12" long
- Wet spokes and insert spokes wrong side up in base. Place corner spokes at right angles. These spokes may need to be mitered to fit.



- Place 5 additional spokes evenly on each 9" side. (Total 7 spokes on 9" side and 2 on 2" side)
- Twine 3 rows around base with #1 round.
- Wet only spokes at upset point. Upset spokes.

Weave sides:

- Wet weavers until pliable (don't over soak) - Weave rows as follows:
- Rows 1-12: Weave 3/8" flat. To maintain shape as you weave each row, reposition spokes to straight up position and keep spokes evenly spaced.
- Pack all rows
- Create shadow weave for the next 9 rows:
 - o Row 13: Weave 1 row #3 dyed round. (Rows 13-15 are woven under and over the same spokes)
 - o Row 14: 1 row 3/8" flat in the same path as row 13
 - o Row 15: 1 row #3 dyed round same path as rows 13 & 14 (The 3/8" flat row is now framed with #3 round)
 - o Row 16: Weave 1 row #3 dyed round. Rows 16-18 are woven under and over the same spokes
 - o Row 17: 1 row 3/16 flat oval flat in the same path as row 16
 - o Row 18: 1 row #3 dyed round same path as rows 16 & 17 (The 3/16" flat oval row is now framed with #3 round)
 - o Rows 19-21: Repeat Rows 13-15
- Row 22: Weave 1 row 3/8: flat

- Row 23: Weave a rim row with 3/8" flat
- Pack entire basket

Finishing the basket:

- Wet spokes thoroughly. Clip inside spokes and tuck the outside spokes to inside of basket.
- Center and insert handle on the back inside of basket.
- Rim with 1/2" flat oval on inside and outside of the basket. Use seagrass for rim filler.
- Lash with 3/16" flat oval.
- Remove any reed hairs that may have appeared.

Stain and Enjoy

Tip: Baskets should be dusted regularly. I like to spray Liquid Gold on my baskets at least once a year. Liquid Gold contains a wood preservative that will help to extend the basket's life.