

Autumn Squared

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Materials:

Spokes: 1/2" Flat – 18 @ 24"

Fillers: 1/2" Flat – 8 @ 13"

Weavers: #3 Round

1/2" Flat

1/4" Flat/Oval, Dyed

7mm Flat

Rims: 1/2" Flat/Oval

#3 Seagrass

Lashing: 7mm Flat

Optional Lid:

4" Square Slotted Base

Wooden Acorn

Spokes: 1/4" Flat/Oval, Dyed – 28 @ 5"

Weavers: #3 Round

Ledge:

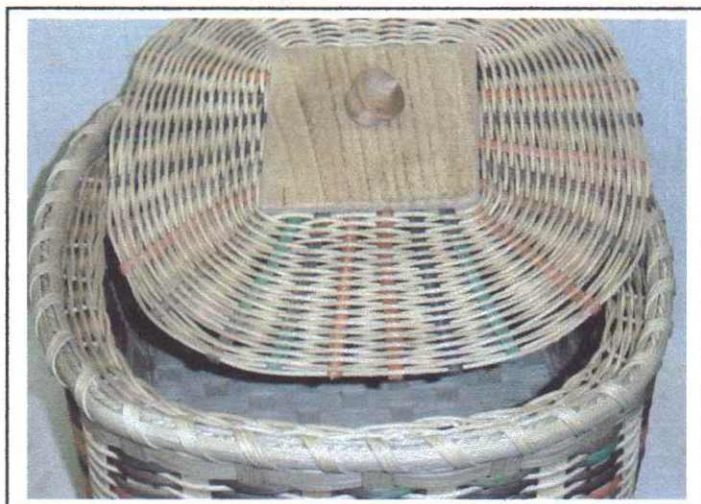
Spokes: #3 Round – 18 @ 12"

Weavers: #3 Round



10" x 10" x 6"

1. Soak all weaving materials until pliable. Mark centers on rough sides of spokes and the smooth sides of fillers.
2. Lay out nine spokes horizontally, placing the fillers in between, matching centers. Weave in the center vertical spoke over the horizontal spokes, under the fillers. Weave in the remaining eight spokes, four on each side. Square the base to 8 1/2" x 8 1/2". Fold the fillers over the end spokes, trim and split them to the fold. Tuck the split ends under their neighboring spokes (chicken feet). Twine two rows with #3 round. Upset the spokes sharply.
3. Weave two start and stop rows with 1/2" flat. The next section is woven in chase weave. Begin with a long piece of dyed 1/4" flat/oval, trimmed to about half its width for about four inches. Place it behind any center spoke and weave over and under until you reach the spoke before where you started. Place a long piece of #3 round reed behind that spoke; weave over and under until you come back to the 1/4" flat/oval weaver. Keep alternating weavers until you've woven about twenty-three complete rows, ending with 1/4" flat/oval. When you have to add another 1/4" weaver, overlap four spokes as usual but hide the ends of the round reed weavers behind the same spoke. Trim the end of the last 1/4" weaver as you did at the start, and end it over the same area.
4. Weave one row with 1/2" flat and one row with 7mm flat. Trim and tuck the outside spokes to the inside. Cut the inside spokes even with the last row of weaving.
5. Rim with 1/2" flat/oval inside and out, placing the overlaps near, not over, each other. Place seagrass in the rim and then lash with 7mm flat.



Lid & Ledge:

1. Soak all weaving materials until pliable. Insert one dyed 1/4" flat/oval spoke into each corner, oval side up. Fill in between with six spokes on each side, slightly slanting the spokes towards the corners so there are even spaces between.

2. Begin chase weaving as you did for the basket using two long #3 round reed weavers. Chase weave until your lid is just a bit smaller than the inside rim of your basket. End the weavers over the area where you started. Trim and tuck every spoke to the underside of the lid.

3. Hairpin the 12" ledge spokes around every other spoke, just below the rim, so the ends are inside the basket. Starting anywhere, twine around these spoke for four rows. Cut weavers.

4. To finish, bend one spoke over its neighbor, down into the basket. Continue around until all spokes are bent down. You can back up the first one slightly to see where to place the last spoke. Repeat once more. Trim the ends when dry.