

BICYCLE BASKET TOTE

Dimensions: 9.5"L x 5"W x 9"H at rim

The basket has buckles to attach to the bike's handle bars and long straps so it can be used as a shopping tote.

MATERIALS:

Spokes: $\frac{3}{4}$ " FF, cut 7 @ 30", 7 at 35"
Weavers: $\frac{3}{8}$ " FF
 $\frac{1}{4}$ " FF
Rim: $\frac{5}{8}$ " FO
Large seagrass
Wide cane
Handles: Pair of leather handles of
length you desire for the
tote
Pair 8" leather buckles



BASE:

Mark centers on the staves. Position five 35" staves horizontally, wrong side up. Weave a 30" stave in the center vertical position, going over the first horizontal stave and matching the center marks. Weave three 30" staves on either side of the center vertical stave, matching the center marks. Weave a 35" stave on both ends. True the base to 9.5" x 5". Use $\frac{1}{4}$ " FF to weave a locking row. Bend up

SIDES:

Rows 1-19: $\frac{3}{8}$ " FF, Row 1 is on the outside of the center stake on the long side of the basket.

Decide which side is to be the back side of the basket (attaches to the handle bars). Select the stakes #2 and #8 (second stave from each end). Tuck these two stakes to form the space for the handlebar buckles.



Row 20: $\frac{3}{8}$ " FF, Double-back the weaver ends on either side of the space created for the handlebar buckles. See picture.

Row 21: $\frac{1}{4}$ " FF as the hidden rim row

If you are using leather handles with riveted loops on the ends:

Cut and tuck all spokes. Use 5/8" FO for the inside and outside rims. Slide the leather loops over the inside rims and position on the end spokes on the long sides of the basket. Large seagrass is the rim filler. Double lash the rim with wide cane.

If you are using leather handles with rings on the ends:

Cut and tuck all spokes except the 4 long spokes on each end of the long sides. Pass the long spoke through the handle ring and tuck. Use 5/8" FO for the inside and outside rims. Use large seagrass for the rim filler. Double lash the rim and double "X" the handles. See picture.



NOTES:

If you are adept with leather work, you can make your own buckle straps. If you can't find the handlebar buckle straps at basket supply companies, use cat collars.