

Butterfly Wing Basket

Materials:

#2 Round Reed (Keeper Rows)
1/2" Flat Oval (Rim)
1/4" Flat Oval (Weavers)
1/4" Dyed or Space Dyed Flat Oval (Overlays)
1/4" Flat (Base Fillers and Rim Row)
3/8" Flat (Spokes)
11/64" Flat (Lasher)
Seagrass (Rim Filler)
D Handle: 3" x 8" to 10"



3" w x 8" L x 8"-10" H (including handle)

Spokes:

3/8" Flat -> cut 4 @ 23"
3/8" Flat -> cut 8 @ 19"
1/4" Flat -> cut 3 @ 14" (Fillers)

Base:

Mark centers on wrong side of spokes and fillers and mark center of handle base. Dampen spokes.

Lay out base with 23" spokes on top of handle alternating with 3 fillers under the handle (center middle filler on handle's center mark).

Weave 4 of the 19" spokes on each side of the handle. Base measurement: 2 1/2" x 7 1/2" (approximate)

Tuck filler spokes to the inside and under the 3rd spoke from each end.

Twine 2 rows with #2 round reed. Base measurement: 3" x 8" (approximate)

Dampen base and upset spokes.

Sides:

Taper the end of a long piece of 1/4" flat oval about 3 inches. Start a continuous weave by placing the tapered end to the inside at the corner. The first over will be on the first spoke. Weave over/under until reach corner where you started. At this point go over two spokes (1st and 2nd spokes) then continue to weave over and under. You will go over two spokes one spoke to the right each time you go around the basket. This creates the spiral going to the right. Before beginning each new row, insert a 1/4" dyed or space dyed flat overlay on top of the previous 2 over spokes and hiding the ends under the first and forth spoke.

Continue the continuous weave for 10 rows (total of 11 counting 1st row). Pack each row as you weave. Frequently, evaluate shape for straight up stakes and rectangular shape.

After row 11 reverse the overlay pattern by starting the 2 over spokes 1 spoke to the left to reverse the spiral. Continue the continuous weave with the two spoke overlay s going to the left for 9 rows (total of 20 counting 1st row)

Weave the last row to the corner where you started the 1st row. Taper the weaver about 3" and weave under/over 1st and 2nd spokes. End weave with tail to the inside between 2nd and 3rd spokes 3.

Weave a rim row using 1/4" flat.

Cut and Tuck:

Dampen spokes. Cut inside spokes even with rim row. Tuck the outside spokes to inside of basket. For a pleasing look on the inside of your basket, always tuck spokes into the same weaving row.

Rim:

Cut a piece of 1/2" flat oval to fit the outside circumference of the basket plus 3 inches (overlap). Cut a second piece the inside circumference plus 3 inches. Place the outside rim overlap on the side without the spirals. The inside overlap should be on the spiral side so the overlaps are not visible from the spiral side of the basket. Fill rim with seagrass and lash with 11/64" flat oval.

*Dedicated in memory of Annarose Lea Corkran
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