

Caren's Backyard Garden Basket

Approx. Size: 14" L x 11" W x 10" H w/handle

Materials Needed:

- 5/8" Flat Reed (spokes)
- 3/8" Flat Reed (filler spokes)
- 1/2" Flat Reed (weavers)
- #2 Round Reed (base keeper rows)
- 7 mm Flat Reed (rim row)
- 1/2" Flat Oval Reed (rims)
- Seagrass (rim filler)
- 3/16" Flat Oval Reed (lasher)
- Handle: Round Top D - 14" W X 10" H



Base:

- Cut: 6 Spokes of 5/8" Flat, each 29" long
11 Spokes of 5/8" Flat, each 23" long
6 Filler Spokes of 3/8" Flat, each 20" long
- Soak spokes and filler spokes briefly. Don't over soak – Reed will continue to absorb moisture after it's pulled from water. Usually a dunk in water for 30 seconds will do.
- Mark centers of spokes and filler spokes on rough side.
- Horizontally, lay 3 (29") spokes (rough sides up) on each side of handle and filler (20") spoke between each spoke. Handle is considered the center horizontal spoke.
- Weave first (23") vertical spoke over/under horizontal spokes on center marks (Note: **First vertical spoke goes over the handle**). Then, weave 5 spokes on each side of center spoke. Spoke next to handle should be approximately 1/4" from end for weaving keeper rows.
- Adjust base to approximately 13 1/2" x 7" with even spacing between horizontal and vertical spokes.
- Fold fillers to the inside, trim to length to hide under 2nd spoke from each handle, cut filler spoke in half length wise and tuck ends under 2 spoke from handle to form chicken feet.
- Twine 2 keeper rows around the base with #2 round reed.
- Dampen upset area of spokes (if necessary) and upset spokes.

Weave sides:

- Soak weavers briefly.
- Weave 6 or 7 start stop rows of 1/2" flat keeping spokes going straight up and equal distance between. (Note: **The first row goes over the handle.**)
- Weave rim row with 7mm flat. Pack entire basket

Rim:

- Spray spokes thoroughly. Fold and crease outside spokes over the rim row and to the inside of the basket. Cut inside spokes (unfolded spokes) even with the top of the rim row. Trim spokes to a uniform length and tuck spokes to the inside of the basket.
 - ❖ Tip: For a pleasing look on the inside of your basket, always tuck spokes into the same weaving row.
- Rim with 1/2" flat reed with seagrass filler between rims.
- Double lash with 3/16" flat oval reed.

Two-Tone Staining:

- With brush apply MINWAX© color stain to the basket. This can be done after cutting and tucking and before rim is put on. Let dry before putting on the rim. Or, stain can be applied to finished basket being careful not to stain rim.
- Carefully with brush apply MINWAX© wood color stain to rim, lashing and handle being very careful not to stain basket.

Note: Golden Oak and Hunter Green MINWAX© wood stain was used in the pattern picture.