

DOOR BASKET

w/ Cherokee Wheels

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Materials:

Spokes: 1/2" Flat – 5 @ 30"
7 @ 28"

Fillers: 7mm Flat - 4 @ 12"

Weavers: 1/2" Flat
#2 Round, Dyed
3/8" Flat
4mm Binder Cane, Dyed

Rim Row: 7mm Flat

Rims: 1/2" Flat/Oval
#2 Round, Dyed

Lasher: 3/16" Flat/Oval

Cherokee Wheels: #2 Round, Dyed

Handle: 1" Shaker Tape



Base: Mark centers of spokes and fillers. Lay out the 30" spokes and fillers, alternating horizontally, sides touching. Weave in the 28" spokes vertically, with the center spoke going over the spokes, under the fillers, adjust the base to 6" long. Tuck the fillers under the spokes or "chicken feet" them under the second spoke from the edge of the basket. Upset the spokes.

Sides:

- Using 1/2" flat, weave 6 rows start and stop. The weaving should go behind the center spoke on the long side of the basket. Stop and check your shaping; the sides should be straight up.
- Twine or triple twine one row with #2 dyed round reed.
- The next 11 rows of weaving create the wall for your Cherokee wheels. Alternate a row of 3/8" flat with a row of dyed binder cane ending with a row of 3/8" flat.
- Twine or triple twine one row with #2 dyed round reed.
- Weave 5 rows of 1/2" flat.
- Weave a rim row of 7mm flat.

Rim: Select one of the long sides to be the back side of the basket. Wrap a piece of shaker tape around the 7mm on the two end spokes on the backside of the basket. Fasten with staples or glue. Attach the rims and use #2 dyed round reed as the rim filler. (I used a long piece so that I had only one set of ends and wrapped it around twice. Use 3/16" flat/oval to double lash the basket.

Embellishment: You can put as many Cherokee wheels on the basket as you wish. And you have the option to run them in a straight line or have them at different levels. Whatever is appealing to you.

Hint: Measure around the basket when your spokes are upright including the 4 spoke overlap. Cut the rest of the weavers to that length. This will help you maintain straight up sides.