

Dixie's Two-Pie Basket



Supplies and Preparation:

1" Flat reed for spokes. Cut 14 at 26 inches long. (No need to go longer than this.)

½" Flat reed for center most fillers, *if making the 10 x 10" base*. Cut 2 at 18 inches long.

¼" Flat reed for fillers. Cut 10 at 18 inches long, *(or if making the base 9½ by 9½" cut 12)*.

(If you prefer to tuck the fillers in line with the row, rather using turkey tracks, cut them at 22")

Mark the centers of the reed and fillers, on the rough side.

½" Flat reed for weavers. *(enough for 10 rows)*

3/8" Flat for rim row

½" Flat Oval for rims

3/16" flat or flat oval for lashing the rim.

2 pottery handles. *(Or if you prefer, you can wrap the handle with cane.)*

#7 round reed for rim filler. *(Or you can use seagrass.)*

Pie riser: *(Consider making the riser first, so that you can verify it's fit in the basket as you weave.)*

One wood square, cut 9 ½" x 9 ½" or 10" x 10"

4 dowels cut at 2 ¾" tall *(legs for the riser)*

4 nails and Wood glue



- Lay 7 spokes horizontally on the table, rough sides up, with the fillers as shown in photo #1. *if making the 10 x 10" base use the ½" filled on either side of the center spoke.*



#1



#2



#3

- The center vertical spoke starts over the first horizontal spoke. Weave the spoke and its fillers as one. *(see photo #2)*
- Tuck the fillers, as shown in photo #3. *Fillers are tucked on both sides of the base.*
- Square base to 10 ½" by 10 ½" *or if you have a 9 ½" x 9 ½" pie riser, square base to 10" by 10".*

- Upset the spokes. This basket does not have a lock row. Just keep an eye on the packing as you weave the first few rows, so that the sides are tight to the bottom.
- Weave 8 over/under rows with 1/2" Flat read. Make sure that the rows are woven straight up, and kept snug to the bottom of the basket. At this point the basket should measure about 42" around at the base, and 44 1/2" around at the top of row 8.
- Turn the basket so the filler spokes are horizontal. The center spoke facing you should be woven under so you can tuck it inside the basket. *If this is not the case weave one more row of 1/2" flat.* Tuck the center spoke under at least 2 overlaps. *(make sure the 3 center spokes are well soaked so they will bend for tucking with minimal splintering.)*



#4



#5



#6

- Split the spokes on either side of the tucked center spokes, see photo #5.
- Cut and tuck the center-side half of each, to the outside of the basket, photo #6.
- Weave 2 rows with 1/2" flat, on each side of the handle opening, leaving an open space for finger grip, under the handles.
- Weave the rim row with 3/8" flat oval, sliding the pottery sleeves into correct position as you weave.
- Cut and tuck all the spokes.
- Cut rims from 1/2" Flat Oval. Overlap rims inside pottery handle.
I put the inside overlap in one handle and the outside overlap in the other.
- Butt ends of round reed rim filler, centered inside pottery handle.
- Lash with 3/16" flat oval.