

Flurries

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9" x 11" x 7" tall (9" with handles)

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| Materials: | 1/2" flat – natural (spokes) | 7mm flat – natural (rim row) |
| | #3 round reed – natural (base twining) | 1/2" flat oval – natural (rims) |
| | 3/16" flat oval – natural (weavers) | 11/64" flat oval – natural (lasher) |
| | 3/8" flat – natural (weavers) | #4.5 or #5 Seagrass (rim filler) |
| | #2 round reed – dyed (triple twine arrows) | 2½" Bushel Basket Handles |
| | 1/4" flat oval – space-dyed (weavers) | Wood Snowflake embellishments |
| | 5" x 10" Rectangle Slotted Wood Base | 4-ply Waxed Linen |

Preparation:

Cut Spokes: 32 of 1/2" flat @ 11" – natural reed

DO NOT SOAK THE SPOKES; they will be inserted into the base DRY.

Weaving:

1. Mark the center on each side of the base.
2. All spokes will be inserted DRY and ROUGH SIDE UP into the base.
 - a. Insert a spoke at the center mark on each side of the base.
 - b. Insert a spoke at each of the corners. Trim each of these 4 spokes at an angle for 1/2" on both sides of the end to be inserted into the base.
 - c. Insert 2 spokes on each side of the center spoke on the short ends (about 3/8" apart).
 - d. Insert 4 spokes on each side of the center spoke on the long sides (about 1/2" apart).
3. Spray the spokes, keeping the base as dry as possible.
4. Twine 2 rows with #3 round reed with the base and spokes laying flat on the table. It is very important to keep the twining close against the base.
5. Upsett the spokes.
6. Weave 2 rows with 3/16" flat oval reed. The first row should be UNDER the center spokes and OVER the corner spokes.
7. Weave 4 rows with 3/8" flat reed, going straight up and taking care not to draw the corners in. Keep equal spacing between the spokes, paying special attention to the corners.
8. Weave a triple twined arrow with dyed #2 round reed, starting on one of the short ends.
 - a. Weave 1 row of regular triple twine, ending with a step-up.
 - b. On the second row, weave over 2 spokes with the weaver going under the next 2 pieces of round reed, then weave behind 1 spoke so that the weaver comes to the outside in the next open space.
 - c. Finish the row with a step-up, tucking the tail of the weaver into the center of the arrow (under 2 weavers) to complete the arrow pattern.
9. Weave 10 rows with space-dyed 1/4" flat oval reed. Start and stop all of these rows on the long sides of the basket, so that it will be easier to insert the handles later.
10. Weave a triple twined arrow with dyed #2 round reed, starting on one of the short ends, the same as Step 7. End each row with a step-up.
11. Weave 3 rows with 3/8" flat reed.
12. Weave 1 row of 7mm flat for rim row.
13. Cut and tuck the spokes.

Finishing:

1. Insert the bushel handles over the spokes on each side of the center spoke on the short ends of the basket. Check the handles first to ensure the 1/2" flat oval rims will fit in the notches. If necessary, enlarge the notch to fit the rims. The legs of the handle should go under 3 of the 1/4" space-dyed rows, on the inside of the basket. Make sure the bottom of each notch is level with the bottom of the rim row, and trim the legs of the handles if needed to ensure that they do not stick out from under the weaver.
2. Rim with 1/2" flat oval and seagrass rim filler.
3. Lash rim with 11/64" flat oval.
4. Embellish as desired, attaching wooden snowflakes, leaf buttons or other accessories with waxed linen or glue.