

GIFT CARD BASKET

Dimensions: 3"L x 1.5"W x 6"H to top of handle

MATERIALS:

Staves: $\frac{1}{2}$ " FF natural, cut 1 @ 14"
 $\frac{1}{4}$ " FF natural, cut 3 @ 14"
Weavers: $\frac{1}{4}$ " FF natural, cut 11 @ 10"
#2 RR natural, cut 1 @ 32", 1 @ 64"
Handle: $\frac{3}{8}$ " FO natural, cut 1 @ 15"
Trim: $\frac{3}{16}$ " FF/FO green, cut 1 @ 15"
Other: small star, jingle bell or other tie-on



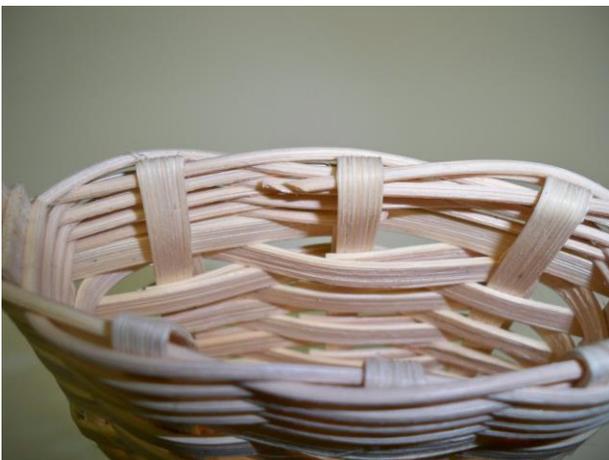
BASE:

Mark the centers of the staves. Mark 1" on both sides of the center on the $\frac{1}{2}$ " FF stave. Place the $\frac{1}{4}$ " FF staves vertically about an inch apart wrong side up. Weave the $\frac{1}{2}$ " FF stave wrong side up under-over-under the $\frac{1}{4}$ " vertical staves positioning the vertical staves at the center mark and 1" marks. With #2 RR (32"), twine 2 rows. Bend up.

SIDES: Start all rows on the back of the basket. Overlap 2 staves.

Rows 1-11: $\frac{1}{4}$ " FF natural, weave Over-Under going over the front center vertical stave on the first row

Rows 12-15: #2 RR natural (64"), twine



Pack. Tuck all $\frac{1}{4}$ " FF staves, going over the twining and under the 2nd and 3rd rows of $\frac{1}{4}$ " FF. Cut off the $\frac{1}{2}$ " FF staves.

HANDLE:

Scarf / narrow the ends of the 3/8" FO piece so it is easier to insert into the basket. Soak the piece of reed so it will bend smoothly. Insert the ends along the outside of the 1/2" staves. When the basket is dry, slide the handle up an inch or so, put a dab of glue on the 1/2" stave, then return the handle to its original position.

TREE OVERLAY:

Start on the 2nd row from the top of the 1/4" FF. With wrong side up, hide the end of a piece of 3/16" green reed behind the center vertical stave – long end is to the left. Pass the long end behind the center stave on row 4 – going from right to left and making a small loop. Make progressively larger loops as you pass the green reed behind the center stave on rows 6, 8, and 10. Adjust the loops so that they form a tree shape. Cut the end of the green reed at an angle that complements the tree shape. Gently squish them down for a flatter tree.



Glue a star or jingle bell at the top of the tree.

NOTE:

You can glue or tie-on a small decoration instead of making the tree. This makes the basket appropriate for any holiday or event.