

Keeping Room Basket



$\frac{3}{4}$ flat reed - spokes
 $\frac{1}{2}$ flat reed - base filler
 $\frac{3}{8}$ flat reed - rim row
 $\frac{5}{8}$ flat reed - weavers
 $\frac{5}{8}$ flat oval - rim
Chair Cane (large)- weaver
Seagrass (filler)
 $\frac{3}{16}$ flat oval - lacer
#2 round - optional
2 bushel basket handles
Basket is 36 x 6 x 9

Cut 5 ($\frac{3}{4}$) @ 60 inches long, 27 ($\frac{3}{4}$) @ 30 inches long, and 4 ($\frac{1}{2}$) @ 42 inches.

Mark one of each in the middle. Take the $\frac{3}{4}$ that (60 in) you marked in the middle and lay it out, then take the $\frac{1}{2}$ flat and lay it next to the $\frac{3}{4}$ flat piece. Rotate sides until all 9 pieces have been layed out. Take the other marked pieces (30 in.) and begin on top of the $\frac{3}{4}$ piece and begin weaving over, under (in the center). Weave all 27 pieces and space them out until you base is 36 inches in length.

Optional - Takes 2 long pieces of #2 round and put each piece on spokes next to each other and begin twining for one row. This is only to lock in the spokes.

Bend up the spokes and then begin weaving. These rows are stop and start. I wove two rows at one time with $\frac{5}{8}$ to help the spokes to stand up easier. Weave over one and behind one until you get back to where you started. Then count over 4 spokes beginning with the one you started one, cut the weaver and then weave it in laying it on top of the other one.

2 rows of $\frac{5}{8}$
1 row of chair cane
1 row of $\frac{5}{8}$

Alternate rows of chair cane and flat reed until you have 5 rows of each (does not include the first two rows). Remember to keep shaping your basket and try not to pull in on your corners. Your last row will be the rim row. Then cut and tuck every other one. Insert your 2 bushel basket handles on one side of your basket.

Rim: Use $\frac{5}{8}$ flat oval, $\frac{3}{16}$ flat over to lace with and seagrass for filler. You will have to notch out a piece in your rim to make it fit snugly in your handle.