

Let's Go Royals

Gwen Hake of Independence Weavers



Materials you will need:

4" X 6" flat sided oval (racetrack) base – lightly sanded if needed
bail handle if you want a handle & 2 eyelets for attaching to basket

3/8" flat flat reed for stakes

#2 round reed for twining

1/4" flat oval reed natural for weavers

1/4" flat oval reed, smoked for weavers

1/2" flat flat reed, dyed **royal blue** for weavers

3/8" flat flat reed for under the rim row

1/2" flat flat reed for inside rim

1/2" flat oval reed for outside rim

11/64" flat oval natural reed for lashing.

3/4" or 7/8" royal blue ribbon

Baseball beads for trim and any other appropriate bling. The baseball and the Royals emblem I used were cupcake toppers from Price Chopper which I altered by removing the "ring" with wire cutters and drilling a small hole through the stub where the ring had been attached.

Draw around base on paper, cut out base shape. Center fold in both directions. Place pattern on base and mark these 4 centers lightly.

Cut 24 stakes 9" long from 3/8" flat flat reed and dampen them. Insert a stake rough side up at each of the marks on the base, and insert 5 more stakes in each quarter.

Soak #2 round reed a minute or so and twine 3 rows, packing close to base. Gently upset stakes as you twine, so that they are going straight up by the time you twine the 3rd row.

Start/stop weave 3 rows with the ¼ flat oval smoked reed; and then 1 row of natural ¼” flat oval reed.

Weave one row of the dyed royal blue ½” flat flat reed.

Weave one row of ¼” flat oval natural.

Now weave one row with the scrap you are using for a space holder. This will be removed later, so do not overlap at the end of the row, but leave enough at each end to get hold of to push/pull it out.

Weave another row of ¼” flat oval natural reed and 3 rows of ¼” smoked flat oval, just above the space.

Weave another row of ¼” flat oval natural.

Weave another row of ½” flat flat dyed royal blue reed.

Weave 2 rows of ¼” flat oval natural reed.

Weave the under the rim row with 3/8” flat flat reed.

Cut and tuck ends of stakes.

Rim basket with ½” flat flat reed on the inside and ½” flat oval on the outside.

Lash with 11/64” flat oval reed.

After you have sealed the basket and it has completely dried, remove the space holder. You may have to cut it in the center to get it out. Use needle-nose pliers.

Weave the blue ribbon through the space vacated by the space holder. Embellish as you wish. Your team may not be the Royals, and you may prefer a football or soccer team.