

Market Shopper

Dimensions: approximately 9"W x 15"L x 7"H to rim

MATERIALS:

Spokes: 7/8" FF, cut 7 @ 36", 11 @ 28"
Fillers: 1/2" FF, cut 6 @ 24"
Weavers: 5/8" FF
3/8" FF as hidden rim row
Rim: 5/8" FO
Sea grass as rim filler
Wide cane for lashing
Handle: 2.5 + yards of 1.25" nylon webbing



BASE:

Mark the centers of the spokes and fillers and soak them. Layout the 36" spokes horizontal with a filler in between each spoke. Weave the center 28" spoke going under the spoke and over the filler. Weave 5 spokes on both sides of the center spoke. Pack the horizontal spokes so there are no gaps and adjust the placement of the vertical spokes so that the base measures 15" in length. Spritz the spokes and bend up.

SIDES:

Rows 1-9: 5/8" FF, weave over-under
Make sure you keep the short end spokes at a 90 degree angle at the base. They have a tendency to not stay in place.
Rows 10: 3/8" FF as hidden rim row
Pack. Cut and tuck.



Tuck the fillers under rows 2 and 4 and trim the ends so they are hidden behind row 4.

RIM:

Fit the 5/8" FO for the inside and outside rims. Stain the basket and the rims.

HANDLE:

Fit the handle material to the basket. It will be one big loop.

Start the handle material on the outside base of the basket on the 3rd spoke from the left end. You may pass it under the second row of weaving – your choice but be sure to do it each time the handle passes the second row. Clip the handle to the hidden rim row. Loop the handle to the 3rd spoke from the other end of the basket and clip the handle to the hidden rim row. Pass the end over the outside bottom of the basket. Repeat the steps to create a looped handle on the opposite side of the basket as the first looped handle.

Adjust the handle loops so they are comfortable for you. Keeping a 3" overlap on the ends, use fabric glue and/or sew the ends of the handle.

LASHING:

Incorporate the handle under the outside rim. Use sea grass for the rim filler. You can "X" the handles if you desire but X'ing can create handle scrunch issues. Here is another way of lashing the handles written for a right handed weaver:

- Insert and lock the end of a lasher as usual.
- When you have lashed the space to the left of the handle, do a second lash in the same opening. Now the lasher end is on the inside of the basket.
- Position the lasher along the inside rim, go over the rim and lash through the opening (outside to inside) to the left of the handle. Do not pull tight.
- Bring the lasher under the lashing that is hugging the inside rim.



inside rim.

- Pull the lashing tight. Feed the lasher end through the next vacant opening. Continue lashing in a normal fashion.

← inside view



NOTES:

- Other handle styles can be used – 20" leather, bushel handles on the short ends, etc.
- The nylon webbing handle ends can be glued with Fabri-Tac. I also sew the ends just to be sure they will hold. Don't forget to singe the cut ends to stop raveling if the handle is nylon or poly. If the webbing is cotton, use an anti-fray solution or clear nail polish.
- You can use scrap 5/8" FO or HR and make runners for the base.

