

Poolside Tote

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Materials:

2 – 7" x 17" FT Swing D

Spokes: 3/4" flat – 3 @ 42"

9 @ 32"

5/8" flat – 2 @ 42"

Weavers: #3 round; 3/8" flat (dyed & natural);

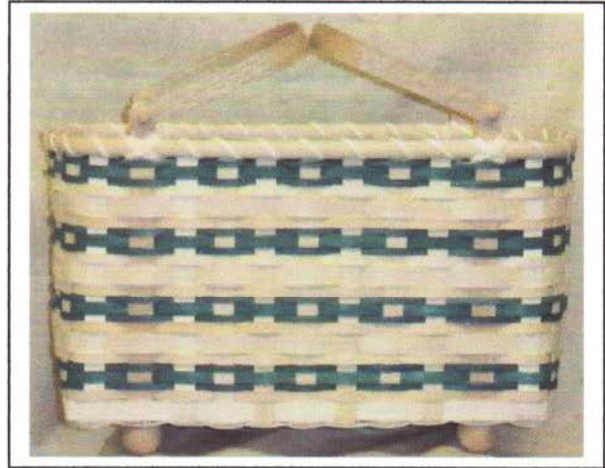
1/4" flat (dyed); 3/4" flat

Rims: 5/8" flat/oval; #3 Seagrass

Lashing: 3/16" flat/oval

Base Lattice: 3/8" flat (dyed)

4 – 1 1/2" Ball Knobs w/ screws



7" x 16" x 11.5" incl. feet

1. Soak all weaving materials until pliable except the dyed reed. Just dip it and set it aside so it won't be overly wet and bleed. Mark centers on all the spokes on the rough sides.
2. Before getting started on the base, drill two (3/16") holes on the bottom of each handle, 7/8" from the outside edge. This is where you'll attach the ball knobs (feet) when you're done.
3. Lay out the 42" spokes horizontally in front of you placing the 5/8" spokes on the outside. Weave in seven of the 32" spokes making sure the center one goes **under** the center 42" spoke. Add the handles (one on each side!) and then the last two spokes. Adjust the base to measure approximately 7" x 16" (allow a little room for one row of #3 round). Twine one row with #3 round.
4. Measure and slide in the 3/8" lattice pieces between the spokes in the base weaving. Make sure you haven't covered up the screw holes for the feet. See photo.
5. Upsett sharply. Weave the first row with 3/4" flat going outside the handles. Continue weaving as follows: 3/8" flat; 1/4" dyed; 3/8" dyed; 1/4" dyed; 3/8" flat. Repeat, starting with the 3/4" flat three more times. Pack well. Tuck all the outside spokes and then cut the inside spokes even with the top row of weaving.
6. Rim with 5/8" flat/oval inside and out, filling the rims with Seagrass and lashing with 3/16" flat/oval. Be sure to "X" at the handles. Insert the screws into the drilled holes and screw on the ball knobs.

