

Poplar Heights Jelly Jar Basket

Materials Needed:

- 1/2" Flat Reed (spokes & rims)
- 3/8" Flat Reed (weavers)
- 1/4" Dyed Flat Oval Reed (weavers)
- #2 Round Reed (base keeper row)
- 7 mm Flat Reed (rim row)
- 1/2" Flat Reed (Rims)
- Seagrass (rim filler)
- 1 1/64" Flat Oval Reed (lasher)
- Double Wire Handle with Wood Grip



Base:

- Cut: 4 Spokes of 1/2" Flat, each 20" long
7 Spokes of 1/2" Flat, each 16" long
- Soak spokes briefly. Don't over soak – Reed will continue to absorb moisture after it's pulled from water. Usually a dunk in water for 30 seconds will do.
- Mark centers of spokes on rough side.
- Lay the 4 (20") spokes out horizontally (rough side up).
- Weave 1 (16") vertical spoke over/under at center marks on horizontal spokes. Then weave 3 spokes on each side of center spoke. Center marks on vertical spokes should be in center spaces between 2nd and 3rd horizontal spokes.
- Adjust base to approximately 3" x 6 1/2" with even spacing between horizontal and vertical spokes.
- Twine 2 keeper rows around the base with #2 round reed.
- Dampen upset area of spokes (if necessary) and upset spokes.

Approx. Size: 8 1/4" L x 4 3/4" W x 9" H w/handle

Weave sides:

- Soak weavers briefly.
- Weave the following start stop rows keeping the spokes going straight up and equal distance between:
 - o Rows 1-3: 3/8" natural flat reed. The 1st row is under the center spoke on 6 1/2" side Use clothes pins or clips to maintain the corners for the first few couple of rows. Check the shaping every couple of rows.
 - o Rows 4-10: 1/4" dyed flat reed
 - o Row 11-12: 3/8" natural flat reed
 - o Row 13: 7mm flat reed (Rim Row).
- Pack entire basket

Rim:

- Spray spokes thoroughly. Fold and crease outside spokes over the rim row and to the inside of the basket. Every other spoke will be folded to the inside. Cut inside spokes (unfolded spokes) even with the top of the rim row. Trim spokes to a uniform length and tuck spokes to the inside of the basket.
 - ❖ Tip: For a pleasing look on the inside of your basket, always tuck spokes into the same weaving row.
- Rim with 1/2" flat reed with seagrass filler between rims.
- Lash with 1 1/64" flat oval reed.
- Add wire handle between 2nd and 3rd spokes and 5th and 6th spokes on each side of basket.
- Stain your basket. I brush on a stain mixture of 1/2 Minwax® Stain and 1/2 Mineral Spirits with a touch of Tung oil. Many weavers prefer Weaver Stain which is a spray tung oil enriched stain with a urethane resin.