

SMOCKED DIAMONDS

Dimensions: 10"L x 9"W x 8.5" to rim



MATERIALS:

Staves: 5/8" FF natural, cut 18 @ 32"
3/8" FF natural, cut 8 fillers @ 16"

Weavers: #3 RR natural
7mm FF natural
5/8" walnut strip
5/8" oak strip
3/8" FF natural as hidden rim row

Rim: 5/8" FO
#5 seagrass
Medium cane

Handle: 12" square push-in

Trim: wide cane

BASE:

Place 9 staves horizontally with fillers in between. Line up center points. The center vertical stave is woven under the first horizontal stave and over the filler. Weave 4 more vertical staves on each side of the center one. True the base to 10"L x 9"W. Using #3 RR natural, twine a locking row. Bend up.

WEAVING:

Rows 1-16: 7mm FF

Row 17: 5/8" walnut strip

Row 18: 5/8" oak strip

Row 19: 5/8" walnut strip

Rows 20-24: 7mm FF

Row 25: 3/8" FF natural as the hidden rim row

Pack. Cut and tuck. Insert the handle. Wrap if desired.

RIM:

Use 5/8" FO for the inside and outside rims. Large (#5) seagrass is the rim filler. Double lash with medium cane.

TRIM:

With wide cane, do two rows of smocking stitch (see picture). This will form a diamond over the center wood strip.

NOTE:

Maple or ash strips can be stained to look like other woods so you don't have to order multiple types of strips to make this basket.