

SMOKEY TULIP

11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " L (at handle) X 8" W (at handle) X 8" H



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Level: Intermediate

MATERIALS:

6" x 13" Tulip D Handle

SPOKES: $\frac{1}{2}$ " flat natural -- 13 @ 27"

LOCK-IN ROW: #2 round natural

WEAVERS: $\frac{1}{4}$ " flat oval smoked

11/64" flat oval natural

#3 round natural

MATERIALS (cont.)

RIM: #3 round natural

#3 seagrass

5/8" flat oval

11/64" flat oval for lashing

(note: For a different look, try reversing the smoked and natural weavers. Or substitute a color for the $\frac{1}{4}$ " smoked flat oval. We found black ("eboney" dyed by Sandy Atkinson) stunning!

LAY OUT BASE:

Briefly soak spokes in cold water. Mark centers on rough side of reed. (Always to the inside of basket). Place handle vertically on table. Lay out 7 spokes horizontally with the center spoke under the handle. Alternate remainder of the spokes over/under the handle. Weave in 3 spokes on either side of the handle. True the base to 6"x6". Twine once around base with #2 rr, upset the spokes.

WEAVE UP THE SIDES:

Sides are woven in a start/stop manner. Starting with smoked reed, alternate with natural for 23 rows. The first row goes *over* the handle.

Triple twine with #3 rr for 5 rows. Weave another 7 rows as before, starting with smoked.

RIM:

Triple twine with #3 rr for 3 rows. Cut and tuck all spokes. Lay 5/8" flat oval inside last 3 rows of triple twine. Fill with #3 seagrass; lash with 11/64" flat oval.

Et voila! Date and sign your basket. Happy Weaving!