

Spray Bottle Cover Up

(Designed by Marilyn Margrave for Basket Buddies Guild May 2011)

Materials

- Binder Cane 6-6.5 mm. (Approximately 1/4" wide)
- Narrow Dyed cane. 4-4.5 mm. (Approximately 1/8" wide)
- #3 Seagrass (Approximately 3/16" diameter)
- 2" Slotted Wood Base
- E6000 Glue
- Insta Cure or other Quick Dry Glue
- Thin Aluminum Spray Bottle

Preparation:

Remove Spray head from spray bottle and set aside until weaving is completed.

Glue base to bottom of spray bottle. Dry completely.

Cut 23 spokes 9" long from Binder Cane

Base:

Wet spokes until pliable.

Insert spoke into base and upset spoke at sharp right angle.

Remove the spoke from the base and trim each side of the spoke that is inserted into the base. Start cut at fold and cut a wedge to the end. Do this for all spokes.

Insert spokes and evenly space spokes around the base. Use Insta Cure to glue spokes in place and let dry.

Upsett spokes close to bottle.

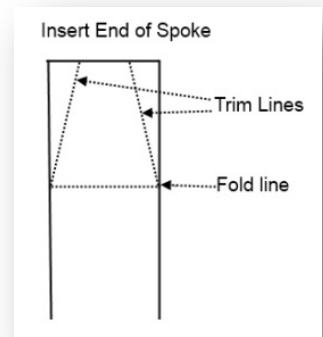
Weave:

Taper a piece of dyed cane about 3" and insert tapered end under a spoke. Using the bottle as a mold weave tight to the bottle in an over 2, under 2 pattern (2-2). You can apply a slight pull to the weavers to tighten the spokes to the bottle as you weave. Continue weaving the 2-2 pattern until the bottle starts to curve inward.

Trim off excess length from spokes by holding all spokes tight against the lip of the bottle and cutting the spokes even with the top edge of the bottle.

Wet spokes so that they are pliable and will not break when folded.

Fold each spoke down approximately 3/4 inches and to the inside of the spokes. (Hint: use needle nose pliers on the fold line and bend spoke over pliers.)



Continue weaving the 2-2 pattern keeping the spokes close to the bottle. When you reach the inside folded spoke treat it as one regular spoke. Weave to the top. It will become very tight and patience will be needed to get the weaver between and under the spokes. End with the weaver tucked to the inside.

Rim:

Cut a piece of seagrass to fit inside the top of spokes. Taper each end of the seagrass so when placed together the ends do not show.

Place a line of E6000 glue inside basket around the bottle and insert the seagrass ring. You may need to push the seagrass down into the basket so the seagrass is even with the top of the cane spokes.

Let dry completely and attach spray head

Enjoy!



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