

Utensil Basket



Materials:

6 x 6 Slotted wood base
28 spokes $\frac{1}{2}$ " ff @ 10"
#2 rr twining
 $\frac{3}{8}$ " ff weavers
7 mm ff rim row
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ff inside rim
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fo outside rim
Sea grass rim filler
 $\frac{1}{4}$ " ff lasher

Insert 7 spokes in each side of base, wrong side up beginning at the center of each side and working out, keeping the same spacing between each. Miter corner spokes to fit together. Glue into place. Dampen spokes but not wood base. **Dampen each material before using.**

Using #2 rr, twine 2 rows tight against the base. Upsett spokes.

Using 3/8" ff weave 14 start/stop rows with a 4 spoke overlap. Rotate to the next side to begin each row and pack as you go. Keep spokes straight up and the same distance apart, making sure not to pull in at corners. Repack entire basket from the bottom up.

Weave 7mm rim row. Abut the ends but do not overlap.

Using angle cutters, clip the inside spokes behind the rim row even with the top of it. Bend the outside spokes over the rim row to the inside of the basket. Trim to fit under the 2nd spoke, tuck under and be sure the ends don't show on the outside of the basket.

Using 1/2" ff as inner rim, clip to inside of basket, rounding the overlapping ends. Overlap should be about 2 inches.

Using 1/2" fo, scarf the top side of one end and the under side of the other end for a smooth overlap about 3" long. Clip to outside of basket.

Using a single piece of seagrass as rim filler, place between the rims to keep the folded tops of the spokes from showing and give it a finished look. Angle cut the ends to match up.

Using 1/4" ff, lash the rim across each spoke from the inside to the outside of the basket, pulling tight. Keep at least one clip on the lashing to keep it tight as you lash. Square the corners.

Use a stain with wood preservative. When dry, tie on the Utensil tag, sign and date the bottom.

Enjoy your Utensil Basket. Good job!

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