

Waves of Red, White, & Blue

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Materials:

10" Octagon Notched Handle
5" x 8" Oval Slotted Base
Spokes: 1/2" Flat – 28 @ 9"
Weavers: #2 Round, Natural
 #2 Round, Red & Blue
Rim Row: 1/2" Flat
Rims: 5/8" Flat/Oval
Rim Filler: Medium Seagrass
Lashing: 3/16" Flat/Oval



10" x 9" x 6"

1. Soak all weaving materials until pliable. Insert the spokes evenly around the base, smooth side up, so when you start twining, you will be on the outside of the basket.
2. Twine with natural #2 round reed for six rows. **Do not cut the weavers.** Add another weaver so you can triple twine. Triple twine for six rows, gently pushing the spokes up to form the sides of the basket.
3. The next section will be twined using six pieces of #2 round reed (three in each set). Arrange one piece of each color with natural in the center and place them behind any spoke. Place another three, arranged likewise, behind the next spoke. Begin twining, lifting each set of three in turn, over, behind and out. Continue twining for eight rows, being careful not to twist the weavers. NOTE: When weaving this section, make sure the sides are straight up so the handle will fit.
4. Triple twine for six rows with natural #2 round reed.
5. Weave one row with 1/2" flat (rim row) making sure you are weaving over the center end (handle) spokes. Trim and tuck the outside spokes to the inside. Cut the inside spokes flush with the top row of weaving. Insert the handle tips into a row of weaving on the inside lining up the notch with the rim row.
6. Rim with 5/8" flat/oval inside and out. Fill the rim with seagrass and then lash with 3/16" flat/oval, "X"ing at the handle.