

## ANOTHER BASKET FOR OPERATION BASKET DROP

### MATERIALS:

7/8" or 3/4" flat reed - handle stake  
5/8" flat reed - stakes  
1/2" flat reed - fillers  
#2 round reed - twining  
3/8" flat reed - weavers  
1/4" flat reed - weavers  
(dyed to go with shaker tape)  
40" shaker tape - 1" wide  
1/2" flat oval reed - rim  
sea grass - rim filler  
11/64" flat oval reed - lasher

### MEASURE, CUT, AND MARK:

From the 7/8" or 3/4" flat reed cut 1 stake 30" long  
From the 5/8" flat reed cut 2 stakes 30" long  
and 9 stakes 24" long  
From the 1/2" flat reed cut 2 fillers 15" long

### SIZE:

Mark the centers on the rough side.  
Soak all materials as needed.

Base: 3 1/4" x 9 1/2"  
Top: 5" x 10 1/2"

Height: 7"

### BASE:

Lay out the 30" stakes horizontally with the 15" fillers between them and the 7/8" stake in the center, rough sides up. Weave a 24" stake vertically on the center marks, weaving under the edge and center stakes and over the fillers. Weave four stakes on each side of the center. The base should measure about 3 1/4" x 9 1/2". Chicken feet the ends of the fillers. Twine 2 rows around the base with #2 round reed. Upsett the stakes.

### SIDES: (Stop and Start weave)

12 rows with 3/8" flat reed (Weave the first row on the outside of the 7/8" handle stake.)  
3 rows with 1/4" flat reed, dyed  
2 rows with 3/8" flat reed  
1 row with 7 mm flat reed (Rim row)

To reinforce the ends where the handle will be attached, weave an extra piece of 7 mm behind the rim row. Start behind the third stake to the left of the 7/8" handle stake and end behind the third stake to the right of the handle stake.

Pack down and make sure your basket is level at the top.



#### **CUT AND TUCK:**

**THE 7/8" HANDLE STAKE WILL BE ON THE OUTSIDE. CUT IT EVEN WITH THE TOP.** The stakes on each side of the 7/8" handle stake will be on the inside. **DO NOT CUT EVEN WITH THE TOP**, but fold to the **OUTSIDE**, cut to fit, and tuck under 1 row of weaving. Cut and tuck the remaining stakes as usual - cut inside stakes even with the top; fold outside stakes to the inside, cut to fit, and tuck under 2 or 3 rows of weaving.

#### **HANDLE:**

On each end of the basket, loop the shaker tape around the rim row under the 7/8" stake, with about 1 1/4" on the inside. Sew in place.

#### **RIM:**

Use 1/2" flat oval reed for the inside and outside rim, and sea grass for the rim filler. **THREAD** the sea grass through the handle loop. Double lash with 11/64" flat oval reed.

#### **FINISHING:**

Wet the rim well, square the corners, and shape up your basket.

**NOTE:** This pattern is based on the Library Tote pattern from Baskets of Joy.

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