



# Easter Basket

## Supplies needed:

1/2" Flat Reed

1/2" Flat Space-Dyed Reed  
(Country Garden)

#2 Round Reed

#3 Round Reed

1/2" Flat Oval Reed

#3 Seagrass

3/16" Flat Oval Reed

10" Round Notched Handle

Out of 1/2" flat, cut 6 stakes 25" long. Nail the stakes to a board through their center (smooth sides up), fan them out equally. Fold a piece of #2 round almost in half, loop around 1 stake to within 1-1/2" of nail and twine 1 row around the center, make sure it's perfectly round, then continue twining until the bottom measures 6" in diameter.

Out of 1/2" flat Space-Dyed reed, cut 6 stakes 25" long. Repeat the above step with these stakes.

Place one bottom on top of the other, offsetting the stakes. Make sure the smooth sides of both bottoms are up. Join together by continuing to twine around each individual stake with #2 round reed until the bottom is 7-1/2" in diameter. End the #2 round weavers on rough sides of stakes by cutting off.

Upset stakes. Begin weaving with 3 pieces of #3 round reed. You'll be doing 3-rod weld (twining with 3 pieces) for 8 rows. Shape the basket by getting a little more straight up each row. By the end of the 8th row, the sides of the basket should be straight up and you should be 9-1/2" in diameter at the top.

Now is when you clothespin the notched handle to the stakes it's going to be inserted behind, so that you can weave it into the basket.

Weave 7 rows with 1/2" flat reed, overlapping for 4 stakes and cutting each row.

Do 4 more rows of 3-rod weld with #3 round reed.

Twine 3 rows around the basket with #2 round reed. Tuck your stakes over the 3 rows of #2 round and cut the ends off so they hide under the 4 rows of 3-rod weld. Place a piece of 1/2" flat oval on the inside, flat side against the basket, covering up just the 3 rows of #2 round and a piece of 1/2" flat oval on the outside of these rows. Put a piece of #3 seagrass on top, between the 2 pieces of 1/2" flat oval and lash using the 3/16" flat oval.

Do the curls with a piece of 1/2" Space-Dyed reed. With rough side up, start end under the stake beside the handle on the 1st row woven with 1/2" space dyed. Form a curl by going to the next stake that's 1 row up. Do that until you have 5 curls, then do 5 more curls going down and ending behind the stake beside the handle. Make another row of curls under the one you just did, 3 curls going up, then 3 curls coming down. Repeat on the other side of the basket.

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