

# Seagrass Napkin Basket



## Supplies needed:

5/8" Flat Reed

7mm Flat Oval Reed

#2 Round Reed

1/4" Braided Seagrass

1/2" Flat Oval Reed

Out of 5/8" flat reed, cut 14 stakes 18" long. Mark the midpoint on the rough side.

Weave an over one, under one bottom with about 1/4" between each stake. Bottom should measure 6&1/4" square. Using #2 round reed, twine 2 rows around the bottom. Upset the stakes.

Weave 3 rows with 7mm flat oval reed (overlapping for 4 stakes and cutting weaver each row).

Weave 1 row with the 1/4" braided seagrass. I overlapped mine for 2 stakes and scotch taped the ends to keep them from unraveling.

Weave 3 more rows with 7mm flat oval reed.

Twine 3 rows with #2 round reed.

Bend all the stakes to the inside of the basket. Tuck stakes by cutting them off so that the end is hidden by one of the rows of 7mm flat oval.

Put a piece of 1/2" flat oval (flat side against basket) on the inside and the outside of the top 3 rows of twining.

Hold with clothespins. Overlap ends if you want to. Fill in the top of the basket with the 1/4" braided seagrass.

On the 2 "handle" sides, keep the 1/4" seagrass on top of basket for 2 stakes, raise up and don't include under the x'es for 3 stakes (these are your side handles, make them as tall as you want), then on top of the basket for last 2 stakes. Go all the way around the basket and overlap the ends so that the overlap will be hidden by the x. I did my lashing with 7mm flat oval because I wanted the bulky look (even though 7mm is thick and harder to work with). If you want an easier time with the x'es, use 1/4" flat oval or 3/16" flat oval.

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