

Sandy's Candies by Sherry Stephens

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The plastic insert is available with or without a lid. A crystal knob is included with the lidded inserts.

Materials:

5" round grooved base
3/8" flat, spokes & inner rim
#2 round reed, weavers
3/16" flat, weavers
1/4" flat, dyed, weaver
4mm fine cane, weavers
3/8" flat oval, outer rim
#0 or #1 sea grass, rim filler
Superfine cane, x-ing & lashing
6" plastic candy dish insert (with or without lid-
available from Basket Basics)



Preparation: Cut 24 spokes from 3/8" flat at 6" long.

Cut out a paper pattern of the base and fold into quarters. Use this to divide and mark the base into quarters. Insert 6 spokes into each quarter of the base starting at one of the quarter marks. (Most bases have a very narrow groove and the spokes may not fit when wet. Insert them dry and then wet them by dipping in water or spraying with a spray bottle.)

All remaining weaving materials should be soaked briefly before using with the exception of the sea grass.

Weaving: Take two long pieces of #2 round and weave and chase one row around the spokes, keeping the reed packing tightly against the base. After one round, upset the spokes and weave three more rounds of weave and chase, keeping the spokes going straight up.

Do not leave the insert in the basket while weaving, but make sure the insert can rest comfortably on the base and that the spokes are not coming in too sharply. The weave should remain tight, but allow enough space so that the dish can be removed easily. Be sure to check the size periodically while weaving.

Continuing weaving as follows:

4 rows	3/16" flat reed
2 rows	fine cane
1 row	1/4" flat, dyed
2 rows	fine cane
3 rows	3/16" flat (the third row is the rim row)

Finishing: Cut the inside spokes and trim and tuck the outside spokes.

Rim the basket with 3/8" flat oval for the outer rim and 3/8" flat for the inner rim. Use #0 or #1 sea grass for the rim filler. Lash with the superfine cane.

The x-ing with the superfine cane may be completed before or after finishing the rim. Take a long piece of superfine cane, insert from the inside going to the outside of the basket between the top two rows of cane. (Be sure to keep the smooth, shiny side facing up on the outside of the basket.) Cross over the dyed reed to the right and insert between the bottom two rows of cane to the inside of the basket. Continue going to the right around the entire basket, then reverse direction and complete the "x" by going to the left. (Refer to picture.) Note: An alternate design would be to place the "x" over the natural spokes so that the dyed reed is left plain.

Staining: Allow to dry completely before staining with oak Weaver's Stain or your choice of stain.

Supplies: To order complete kits, please visit www.BasketBasics.com Kits featuring all materials shown here can be ordered or just the wooden base and 6" candy dish insert with or without the lid.

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