

Garden Pockets Basket Ornaments

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Dimensions: 2 ½" Wide x 5" High to the top of the handle

Materials and Cuts:

5–10" 1/4" flat, mark the center on the wrong side

1–medium length of #1 round reed

1 long piece of 11/64" flat

1–8" 1/4" flat (handle)

2–8" 3/8" flat (rim)

1–8" length of medium or mini seagrass

1 arm length of 4 ply waxed linen

1 large head needle

Ivy tie on, 1–8" piece of #2 round reed dyed Hunter Green

Heart tie on, 1–40" piece of 11/64" flat or flat/oval Hunter Green

Daisy tie on, 1–8" piece of 11/64" flat or flat/oval Hunter Green

Each will need an 8" piece of 26 gauge black wire

Base: Soak all reed pieces before weaving. All three baskets start the same. Lay the 5 spokes horizontally in front of you, space them so that they are 2" wide. Twine starting at one end of the spokes, turn back going the other direction. Repeat 5 times so that the base shape is similar to a football!

Sides: Split one of the spokes down to the twining making two spokes, (I

chose to split the center spokes on my baskets). Upset your spokes. Taper the end of one weaver for about 2". Start on the back (split spoke side) of the basket. Weave a total of 17 rows tapering the end at the top on the split spoke side of the basket. Weave one final row of weaving and cut and tuck your spokes.

Handle: Insert the final piece of 1/4" flat under the rim row and down one more row on either side of the split spoke side of the basket. Bend the ends back up and under the final row of weaving. You will notice from the photo that the handle is curved towards the back of the basket.

Rim: Lay one piece of 3/8" flat on the inside of the basket and then one on the outside of basket. Insert the seagrass between the rims and lash with the 4 ply waxed linen.

Embellishments:

Ivy–Weave the basket in natural as shown above. Wet the 10" piece of #2 round reed around a pencil or dowel rod. Allow to dry. Wire the Ivy to the center of the basket. When the #2 has dried, cut the piece in half and stretch one end of each piece. Run the end under the Ivy and a row of weaving.

Heart–Weave 9 rows of natural, 5 rows of green, and 3 rows of natural. Wire the heart to the center of the band of green

Daisy–Weave the basket in natural as shown above. Tuck one end of a piece of 11/64" flat or flat/oval under the 4th row from the top and under the 2nd row from the bottom. Make two leaves and tuck them under the center spoke, 7 and 9 rows from the bottom. Wire the Daisy to the basket over the top of the 11/64" green. Weave 1 or a series of mini baskets as shown, also from Woven Designs and use as a Wreath for Holiday Decoration-Please call for availability and prices!



Complete kits for all 3 baskets shown or purchase of individual ceramic ivy, heart or daisy pieces or a kit of waxed linen, needle and natural seagrass is available.

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