



“Blackberry” by Karen Griffith

Dimensions: 3” x 5” x 3” (basket height)

Materials:

11/64" flat oval-retainer row
 3/16" flat oval-weavers, 72" lasher
 1/4" flat-rim row
 3/8" black, 1/2" black-spokes and weavers
 3/8" flat oval-rims
 #2 seagrass-rim filler
 3 - 8" berry pics
 3" x 6" D handle

Preparation:

Cut 3 spokes from 1/2" black at 15."
 Cut 4 spokes from 1/2" black at 13."
 Cut 1 retainer from 11/64 flat oval at 22."
 Cut 1 weaver from 3/8" black at 22."
 Cut 10 weavers from 3/16" flat oval at 22."
 Cut 1 rim row from 1/4" flat at 22."
 Cut 2 rim pieces from 3/8" flat oval at 22."
 Cut 1 lasher from 3/16" flat oval at 72."
 Cut 1 piece of #2 seagrass at 20."

Weaving the Basket:

Mark wet spokes at centers on wrong side of the reed. Mark handle center.

Stand the handle in front of you and weave the 15" spokes across the handle with the center spoke passing over the handle.

Weave the 4 - 13" spokes vertically, two on the left and two on the right of the handle.

Adjust base to 2.5" x 4.25". Leave just enough space in the width to weave the 11/64" retainer row completely around the base. Upset the spokes sharply.

Weave one start/stop row with 3/8" flat black. Then weave 10 rows with 3/16" flat oval black and one rim row with 1/4" natural.

Tuck the outside spokes, trim the inside spokes.

Rim with 3/8" flat oval inside and outside, use #2 seagrass as rim filler; lash with 3/16" flat oval.

Finishing:

Stain the basket in your favorite color.

Once dried; the berries are attached just under the rim. Push the stem from the outside to the inside on the right of the first spoke to the right of the handle. Bring it back to the outside on the opposite side of the spoke. Crimp or twist into place. Repeat on the handle and on the spoke just to the left of the handle. “Fluff” the berries and star.

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Supplies:

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