

BUTTON BASKET

Base: 6" X 6" - beginner weaving level

PATTERN BY:

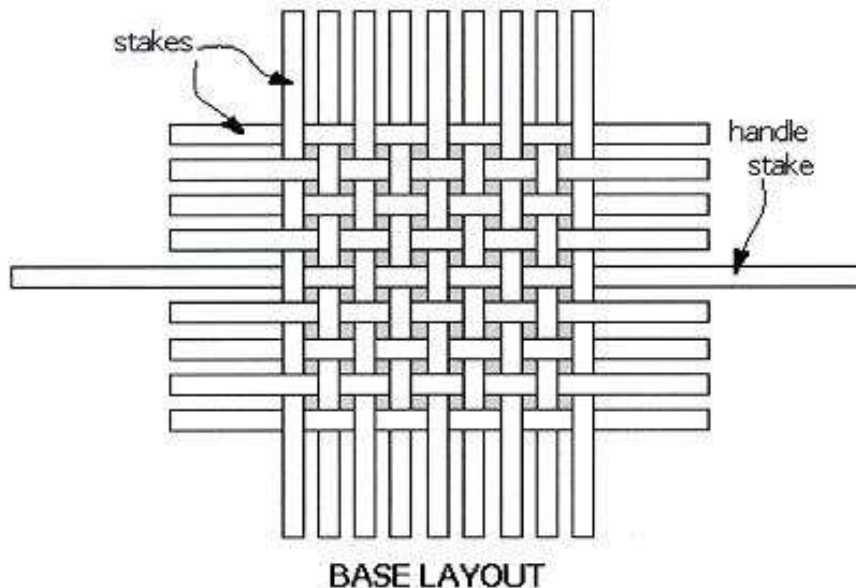
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MATERIALS:

- 3/8" flat natural reed (stakes or spokes, handle)
- 1/4" flat natural and dyed reed (weavers & handle)
- 3/8" flat oval (rim)
- 11/64 mm flat oval (lashing)
- seagrass (rim filler)
- 18 one inch yo-yo's (embellishment, how-to instructions included)
- large eye needle and waxed linen for stringing yo-yo's and weaving into basket



Preparation:

- CUT: 17 pieces 19" long from 3/8" flat natural reed
- 1 piece 46" long from 3/8" flat natural reed for handle stake
- 1 piece 15" long from 1/4" dyed flat reed for handle embellishment
- 1 piece 15" long from 3/8" flat natural reed for handle filler

Construction:

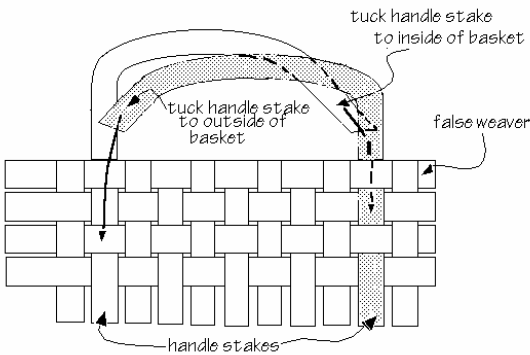
Soak all stake pieces for a few minutes and mark centers on the wrong side of the reed. Referring to the base layout diagram, place the handle stake horizontally on a flat surface in front of

you. Lay down four more stake pieces on either side of the handle stake making a total of nine stakes. Vertically, weave the remaining nine stake pieces into the base making sure the center stake is **OVER** the stake piece.

The entire basket is stop/start weave. It would be a good idea to stop every three rows or so to pack the basket and check to see that the stakes are vertical and not leaning. Weave the sides of the basket as follows:

- Rows 1 through 4: natural 1/4" flat reed
- Row 5: dyed 1/4" flat reed
- Rows 6 & 7: natural 1/4" flat reed
- Row 8: weave the 18 piece yo-yo string into the basket making sure there is a yo-yo on top of each outside stake.
- Rows 9 & 10: 1/4" natural reed
- Row 11: dyed 1/4" flat reed
- Rows 12 through 15: natural 1/4" flat reed

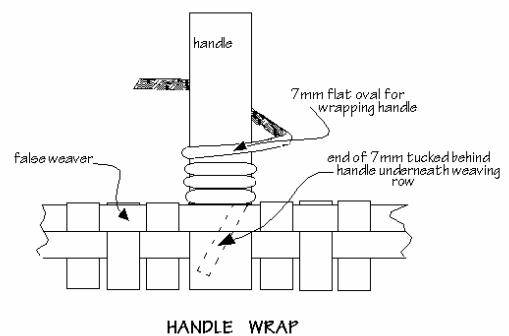
The last row of 1/4" natural flat reed (row 15) will be the false weaver. Pack the rows of the basket again then bend and tuck all of the stakes except for the handle stakes. **It might be a good idea to mark or hold the handle stakes so you will not cut it by mistake.**



Refer to the diagram for tucking the handle stakes. Tuck one of the handle stakes across the basket into the opposite side all the way to the base. **Take a scrap piece of 3/8" flat reed 15 inches long and lay it on top of the handle you just tucked being sure to push the ends down into the basket on each end.** Tuck the remaining handle stake into the opposite side of the basket and push it down all the way

to the base. You may need to adjust these three pieces so they will be all together.

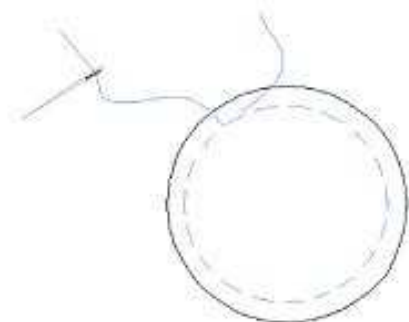
Now, you should be ready to wrap the handle. Refer to the diagram for wrapping the handle. Tuck one end of a piece of dyed 1/4" flat reed on the outside of one end of a handle. Take up a long piece of natural 1/4" flat reed and tuck the end on the inside of the basket. Holding the weaver and keeping it taugt, wrap the handle for a couple of rounds being sure the weaver rows are close together with no gaps. On the next round, lift up the dyed scrap piece and go underneath it. For the next round, go on top of the piece of dyed reed. Alternate the wrapping, going over and under the scrap reed until you get to the other end of the handle. Depending on how much room there is left on the handle to wrap, try to go over the end of the dyed scrap at least a couple of times. Push the end of the handle wrap underneath the handle into the inside of the basket and cut the end off of the weaver.



You are now ready to place the 3/8" flat oval rim pieces over the false weaver. Lay the seagrass in between the rim pieces, on top of the edge of the basket. Double lash with 11/64 mm flat oval reed.

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HOW TO MAKE THE YO-YO's



Make a 2 inch circle template out of plastic or lightweight cardboard. Trace the circle onto a piece of cloth with a pencil. Cut the circle out. Sew a gathering stitch around the circle approximately 3/16 of an inch from the edge with the right side of the material facing you. Pull the end of the thread so that it gathers the material into a smaller circle and take an extra stitch so that it will lock the sewing. Adjust the center of the gathered edge so that it is in the middle of the circle. Place a small button over the raw edges and sew it to the yo-yo.

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To make the string of yo-yo's for the basket embellishment, thread a large-eyed needle with a piece of waxed linen approximately 36" long. Run the needle through the material on the back of the yo-yo. String 18 yo-yo's for this basket pattern. After weaving the linen string, tie the ends together into a knot and weave the ends back into the "string row" for a few stakes on either side of the knot.

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