



## **“Florida Keys” by Sheri L. Van Duyn**

*Dimensions: 5" x 8" x 2"*

*Materials:*

#2 or #3 round reed dyed-weavers; flower curl

¼" flat-weavers

3/8" flat-spokes

Handle- 3" x 8" D

Wooden Hibiscus Flower

*Preparation:*

Cut 5 pieces of 3/8" flat at 14" long.

Mark all pieces in the middle on the rough side.

Soak these pieces with several pieces of ¼" flat reed.

Take a piece of #2 or #3 round dyed green reed and wrap this tightly around a pencil or a dowel. Place a clothespin at the beginning and at the end so the reed stays and dries in place.

*Construction:*

Lay out 3 pieces of 3/8" flat at 14" long horizontal and then place the handle vertically on top. Slide the 2 pieces of 3/8" flat inside the handle making sure that all the center marks line up.

Upset the 3/8" spokes. This will be a lot to hang on to, so clothespin these to the handle base. Weave 1 piece of 1/4" flat starting at the outside of the center spoke and weave this around the basket (This row will be on the inside of the handle.) Start the second row over 1 spoke to the right and start this right away. (This will also help in upsetting the spokes.) Continue weaving around the basket. Overlap 2 spokes.

Continue weaving all the rows on the same side and this will be the back of the basket for a total of 15 rows.

Triple twine or weave 3 rows with #2 or #3 dyed round reed. Leave the weavers to the inside of the basket.

*Finishing:*

Cut off the spokes about 1/2" above the weaving. Then angle trim each of the spokes to look like a picket fence.

Stain basket now if desired. Glue on the dyed curled round reed and the wooden Hibiscus with a hot glue gun.

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*Materials:*

Contact your favorite Supplier for making this Basket.

The Wooden Hibiscus Flower was purchased from Hobby Lobby.