

# HAPPY POCKETS

Base: 4 1/2" x 3"

Beginner

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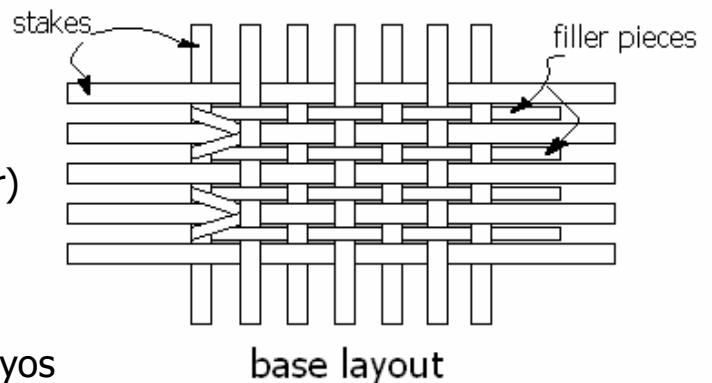
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Materials:

3/8" flat (stakes or spokes)  
1/4" flat (fillers, weavers, false weaver)  
3/8" flat oval (rim-inside & out)  
11/64 mm flat oval (lashing)  
Braided rim filler  
Embellishments: 2 – 1 1/4" button yoyos  
Scrap pieces of dyed green 1/4" flat



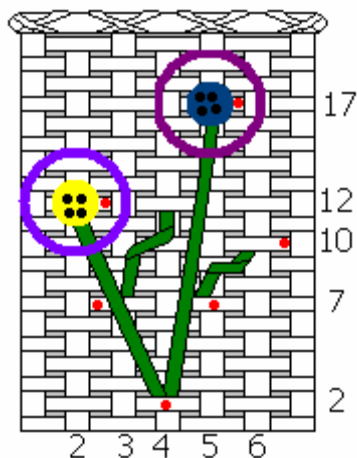
Preparation:

CUT: 7 pieces of 3/8" flat 19" long (stakes)  
5 pieces of 3/8" flat 21" long (stakes)  
4 pieces of 1/4" flat 10" long (filler pieces)

After the stake pieces have been cut soak them for a few minutes and then mark the centers with a pencil on the wrong side of the reed. Please refer to the base layout diagram. This is the way your basket base should look on the inside bottom of your basket. Lay the five 21" pieces horizontally on a flat surface in front of you alternating the four 10" filler pieces. Take one of the 19" stakes and weave across the stakes you have just put down, over and under each piece in the center of the base. This vertical center stake is started OVER the horizontal stake closest to you. This step will be important for placement of the embellishments later. Weave the remainder of the stakes, three pieces on each side of the center stake. True the base to measure 4 1/2" X 3". Upsett all stakes.

This little basket is woven tight and is very important that you keep the stakes straight and the same distance apart. You will now weave 21 stop/start rows with 1/4" flat. It would also be a good idea to stop about every four rows to pack and straighten the stakes. Be sure to turn the basket 1/4 turn before you start a new row so that the overlaps will be evenly distributed throughout the basket sides.

The last row will be the false weaver. For the rim filler you may also use seagrass as a substitute for the braided rim filler. In either case tie a simple two inch slip knot loop about 2" from an end of the rim filler. This loop will serve as a handle for your basket. Place the 3/8" flat oval rim pieces over the last row, one on the inside of the basket and the other on the outside. Use several clothespins around the top of the basket to hold everything together. Place the rim filler so the loop you tied earlier will be at the center stake on the back of the basket. Reposition everything with the clothespins and double lash with 11/64 flat oval. When done with the lashing and while the basket is still a little damp shape the top edge of the basket so the back is a little straighter than the front. Don't make the back corners too severe but bend them enough so if you decide to hang the basket on a wall later the back side will be a little flatter than the front.



Use 1/4" green dyed flat reed for stems and leaves. Refer to the diagram for placement of all pieces.

First stem: Place an end under row 2 at stake 4; angle piece to the left and place under row 12 at stake 2. Leaf: Place an end under row 7 at stake 3, twist one full turn and place the end under row 12 at stake 4.

Second stem: Place an end under row 2 at stake 4; angle to the right and place end under row 17 at stake 5. Stem: Place an end under row 7 at stake 5, twist one full turn and place the end under row 10 at stake 6.

You may either glue or tie the yoyo flowers to the top of the stems.

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#### HOW-TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR BRAIDED RIM FILLER

In order to make braided rim filler you will need a small amount of cotton or poly/cotton material either 45" wide or preferably 54" to 60" wide. The color of the rim filler will be determined by whatever color of cloth strips you decide to use. Tear strips one inch wide from the flat-fold pieces of material. Using three strips of material, tie a knot at the end of this group of strips. Fold the strips so the right side of the material is on the outside and braid all three strips together tightly until you reach the end and then tie another knot to hold the braid. If you need to make the strips longer, cut a small slit in the end of the strip being careful not to cut all the way to the end, pick up a new piece of strip and cut another slit. Push the new piece, slit end first, through the slit on the original strip, take the end of the new piece and push it through the slit cut on the other end of the new strip. Pull the uncut end of the new strip until the joint tightens. If you pull too tight it will tear, so be careful or you will have to cut the torn ends and start all over.

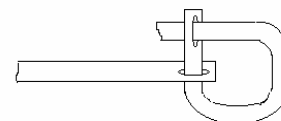
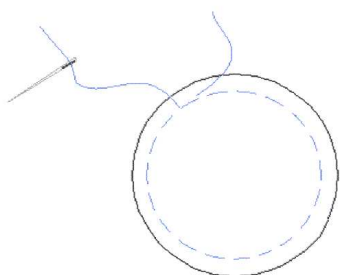


DIAGRAM FOR ADDING STRIPS

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#### HOW TO MAKE THE YO-YO FLOWER

Make a 2 3/4" 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 1/2" button over the raw edges and sew it to the yo-yo.



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