



“Kathy’s Quilted Scissors Keeper” by Sheri L. Van Duyn

Dimensions: 6” x 8” x 3 ¼”

Materials:

#2 round reed-twining
3/16” flat oval-lashing
3/16” or ¼” flat-base filler
3/8” flat-spokes, rims
Seagrass-rim filler
D handle 6” x 8”
Jute
Fabric
2 Buttons
2 Small Wooden Spools

Preparation:

Cut 2 pieces of 3/8” flat at 18” long.
Cut 7 pieces of 3/8” flat at 15” long.
Mark all pieces in the middle on the rough side.
Soak these pieces with a piece of #2 round reed and 1 piece of ¼” flat reed.

Construction:

Lay out the 2 pieces of 3/8" flat at 18" long horizontal and then place the handle in the back. Weave 1 piece of 3/8" at 15" under the handle and over the center and under the other piece. Then weave 3 more pieces on each side of this center piece. The base should measure 2 1/2" x 6".

Take the 3/16" or 1/4" flat and weave this in horizontally to fill in the base. Weave on both sides of the 3/8" flat reed. Start in the center spokes and weave to the end spoke and turn back and weave to the other end of the base and tuck in the starting spokes and overlapping this reed. Do the same on the other side of the 3/8" flat.

Twine 1 row with #2 round reed. Upset the spokes.

Weave all the rows starting and stopping in the back of the basket. Row #1 should be on the inside of the handle. Overlap each row –start and stop at various spots on the back. Weave 10 rows all around the basket

Row #11-Start in the front-Skip the center spoke and start on the spoke to the right. Angle trim the weaver and start on top and go around and stop to angle trim on the spoke to the left of center.

Row #12-Start in the front-Skip the center spoke and 1 spoke to the right; start on the 2nd spoke over from center. Angle trim the weaver and start on top and go around and stop to angle trim on the spoke 2nd left of center. (Each row you are decreasing 1 spoke to the left and right of center.)

Row #13- Start in the front-Skip the center spoke and 2 spokes to the right; start on the 3rd spoke over from center. Angle trim the weaver and start on top and go around and stop to angle trim on the spoke 3rd left of center.

Row #14- Start in the front-Skip the center spoke and 3 spokes to the right; start on the 4th spoke over from center. Angle trim the weaver and start on top and go around and stop to angle trim on the spoke 4th left of center.

Row #15- Start in the front-Skip the center spoke and 4 spokes to the right; start on the 5th spoke over from center. Angle trim the weaver and start on top and go around and stop to angle trim on the spoke 5th left of center.

Finishing:

Cut and tuck the spokes. You might need to spray with a mister to add water. Do not soak the handle.

Add rims of 3/8" flat inside and out and follow the shape of the basket and add seagrass for rim filler. Start the seagrass in the front or start the seagrass by the handle side. Lash with 3/16" flat oval.

Stain the basket with you favorite Basket Stain now if desired

Cut 2 fabric squares from the fabric of your choice using pinking shears. One is 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" and the other is 1 1/2" x 1". Add the same fabric around the mini spools; add a touch of glue to hold in place. Glue these 2 pieces of fabric to the front of the basket and add a button on top of each piece of fabric.

Glue a double bow of Jute (2 pieces @ 24" long) with mini spools added on.

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“Kathy’s Quilted Scissors Keeper” was designed by me with my younger sister, Kathy in mind. While I appreciate quilts, my sister has made over 200 beautiful quilts! To keep her special fabric scissors separate, I have made this basket to hang by her sewing machine. This wall basket uses a “D” handle and weaves up quickly. Add accents of pinking-sheared fabric squares with buttons and mini spools wrapped with fabric. (I chose green and white-our high school’s colors!)