

Mail Pouch with a Heart

6" Wide x 5 1/2" Deep x 11 1/2" (to the top of the Wire Handle)

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Materials and Cuts:

- 5--22"--5/8" Flat, Mark the center and 1 1/2" Each side of the center mark
- 3--24"--5/8" Flat, Mark the center and 2 1/2" Each side of the center mark
- 1--2 1/2 Yard length of #2 or #3 Round Reed
- 8--24"--3/8" Flat
- 3--24"--3/8" Flat, Dyed either green or navy
- 3--20"--3/8" Flat
- 2--36"--#2 or #3 Round Reed
- 2--24"--5/8" Flat
- 2--2 Yard lengths of 11/64" flat/oval
- 1--24"--Jumbo Seagrass
- 1--House with a Heart Wire Handle
- 1--Pottery Heart and 12" piece of Jute

Base:

Lay the 3--24" spokes horizontally in front of you. Weave one of the 22" spokes at the center marks--under, over, under. Weave the remaining 4 spokes, 2 on each side of the center mark. Square your base to: 3" x 5". Twine 2 times with #2 or #3 round reed.

Upset your spokes.

Sides:

Weave 5 rows of 3/8" natural with your first row of weaving over the center spoke on the long side of the basket.

Weave 3 rows of 3/8" dyed

Weave 3 rows of 3/8" natural

Weave 3 rows decreasing. Starting on the short side wrap the weaver around the left spoke of the 3 that you see. Tucking

the end behind the far right spoke of the 3. On the other short side, repeat the same process only in reverse. (Around the right spoke and behind the left spoke)

Weave 2 more rows decreasing one more spoke each time.

Twine 2 rows of #2 or #3 round reed.

Handle:

Add the handle to the back (tall) side of the basket. Tuck the spokes over the shoulders of the handle. Tuck each of the other spokes.

Rim:

Rim the basket with 5/8" flat inside and out. With seagrass between. Lash the rim with 11/64" flat/oval.

Finishing:

Stain the basket if you wish and tie the heart to the front of the basket with jute. I put a dot of glue at the knot of the bow to prevent it from untying itself.

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