## Snowflake



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Materials: 5 1/2 X 3 1/2 wooden base 3/8 flat 1/4 flat oval #2 round reed 3/16 flat oval 3/16 flat oval 3/16 flat oval – dyed 1/2 flat oval Seagrass 2 medium handles Snowflake tie-on



From 3/8 flat cut: 22 pieces @ 7 1/2" long

From 1/4 flat/oval cut: 8 pieces @ 7 1/2" long

<u>Set up base</u>: Insert two ¼ flat oval spokes at each corner. Insert seven 3/8 flat spokes on each long side and four on each short side. Make sure all spokes are spaced evenly.

Chase weave 4 rows around the base with #2 round reed.

<u>Taper a long piece</u> of 3/16 flat oval at one end for about 4". Choose one middle spoke on one of the long sides and cut it in half down to the #2 round reed. Stick the tapered end between the pieces of cut spoke for about 1" into the inside of the basket. This side will be the back of your basket. Now you will do a continuous weave.

<u>Gently</u> upsett the spokes as you weave the 3/16 flat oval. Weave 9 continuous rows. After the split spoke in the direction you are weaving and on the beginning of the first short side you come to, stop the 3/16 flat oval and start a dyed piece of 3/16 flat oval by overlapping the dyed piece on top of the natural 3/16 flat/oval 2 spokes worth.

Continuously weave the dyed 3/16 flat oval for 10 rows. At the same short side where the dyed reed began is where you end the dyed piece. Continue with 3/16 flat oval natural by overlapping 2 spokes worth. Continue for 5 rows. To end you will taper the weaver about 5"-6" past the split spoke where you began. Weave it in. You will end on the short side.

Weave one row of 3/8 flat for the rim row.

Pack the weavers and "level" your sides.

Fold, cut and tuck the outside spokes. Cut the inside spokes even with the top of the folded over spokes.

Rim with ½ flat oval inside and outside. Seagrass is used as the rim filler.

Lash with 3/16 flat oval.

Attach our medium handles by wrapping the wire around the rim.

Stain the basket and let it dry.

Attach the Snowflake tie-on with satin ribbon or a torn strip of homespun fabric.

Use this basket for napkins or wintertime greenery.

<u>Supplies:</u> All supplies will have shipping added to the supplies total. Snowflake tie-on is \$2.50 each. 5 1/2" X 3 1/2" wooden slotted base is \$3.50 each. Pair of stoneware hexagon and wire handles in sponged design are \$4.20 per pair and available in 4 colors: navy, burgundy, green, and brown. Please call or Email for availability or price changes! Check out our Website (*Simply click on the address below and you will be directly Linked!*) for this basket and other Original Basket Designs, Handles, Tie Ons and Kits!



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