

MISS MAMIE'S PIE BASKET

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Dimensions: 12"Diameter, 4 1/4" Height

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Materials Needed:

- 1/2" flat reed for stakes
- 11/64" flat oval reed for weavers and lasher
- 1/4" flat oval reed for weavers
- 1/2" flat oval reed for band
- 1/4" dyed flat or flat oval reed, three long pieces for weavers
- Seagrass for rim filler
- 8"round slotted base
- 2 Jelly Jar handles

Preparation:

1. Cut 36 pieces of ½” flat reed 7” long for stakes. Soak stakes until pliable.

Base:

1. Insert stakes into the slot of wooden base, wrong side up. Place one stake at the center point on each side of base. Place an “X” with a pencil on the extended tip end of each of these stakes. Insert the remaining 32 pieces into the base evenly, 8 in each quarter.

Weaving Sides and Finishing Basket:

1. Weave 3 rows of over and under weave using 11/64” flat oval reed. The first row is woven with the base flat. Gently pull the sides of your basket up as you weave the remaining 2 rows.
2. Weave 5 rows of ¼” flat oval reed. Watch the shape of your basket as you weave. Concentrate on keeping the center stakes (marked with the “X”) in the center of each side as you weave. Continue to bring the sides of your basket up as you weave forming a shallow bowl.
3. Weave 3 rows of ¼” dyed flat or flat oval reed.
4. Weave 3 more rows with ¼” flat oval reed.
5. Weave one row of 3/8” flat oval reed for the rim row.
6. Dampen stake ends. Cut all stakes on the inside of the basket flush with the top row of weaving. Center handles on each side of basket. Turn the handle wire ends at right and left angles and place handle on the inside of the basket behind the rim row. The stakes on the outside of the basket will be pointed and tucked under the weavers on the inside of the basket securing the handles in place.
7. Measure and soak the ½” flat oval reed for the rim. When pliable place over the rim row both inside and outside of the basket.
8. Place seagrass between the ½” flat oval reeds as a filler.
9. Lash rim in place with 11/64” flat oval reed.