

WEED BASKET – VERSION 2

Spring Bingo Door Prize Basket - 2024

This pattern is taken from a basket made by Donna Moltrup, one of our founding members of the guild. It varies from our previous basket, Version 1, because it uses chase weaving.

Materials:

spokes – 5: 2 each with 1/2” Flat, 3 each with 3/8” Flat; each at: 18”
1/4” flat reed – natural (weavers) – 6 yards
#2 round reed (twining) – 2 yards
10” seagrass for handle – 12”
waxed linen – 2 yards



Directions:

- 1) Lay the 5 spokes vertically alternating the sizes (3/8. 1/2. 3/8, 1/2, 3/8)
Match the center of each spoke
- 2) Space 1/4” between rows
- 3) Twine above center mark and make about 4 rows twining back and forth
- 4) Taper two pieces of 1/4” reed for about 4 “ Place the two pieces in any two spokes side by side. Begin with the weaver on the right. Weave in an over/under pattern until you meet the other weaver. DO NOT WEAVE OVER the weaver on the right. Pick up the weaver on the right and weave until you come back to the other weaver. It's like playing tag!
- 5) Weave a total of 18 rows. Taper the end for 4”.
- 6) Twine a total of 3 rows to finish weaving
- 7) Tuck all spokes
- 8) Add the seagrass to each side under the twining and bring up about 1” to make the handle. Use the waxed linen to wrap the handle and ends together.
- 9) Embellish as you'd like!