

## MINI PUMPKIN – DCBG DOOR PRIZE, 2024 FALL BINGO

6 spokes 3/16" @ 11" 3" Styrofoam ball that has a 1-5/8" circle sliced off the top, to create a flat spot.

Soak the spokes. Mark the center of the spokes with a pencil mark on the right side of the reed. Put a t-pin up through the pencil mark of all spokes and then push the pin into the center of the flat spot on the foam ball. Spread the spokes out so they look like spokes on a wheel.



Take a long piece of well soaked #2 round reed and fold almost in half. Pinch the fold with a needle nose pliers and place over the bottom spoke, bringing it to the edge of the flat spot. Twine the first circle at this edge. To twine take the piece of round reed on your left, it is on the outside of a spoke, then it goes behind the next spoke and comes out. Repeat the process with the new piece on the left. This puts a twist in the round reed. Continue twining holding the spokes against the ball.

When a piece of round reed runs out, end it behind a spoke and put a new wet piece of round reed behind the same spoke, then continue twining.

After about 16 rows, remove the pin and carefully take the basket off the ball, without deforming the Styrofoam. Continue twining, carefully controlling the shape. You will continue to press the spokes in to get a globe shape. Weave about 20-22 rows and end the weavers behind the spoke where you began.



Take three pieces of #3 round reed and triple twine for one row. To triple twine: place one piece of round reed behind three consecutive spokes. Take the piece on the left, go over two spokes, behind one spoke and bring it to the outside. Repeat with the next left piece until a full round is finished and cut off the three ends behind the beginning three spokes. You may do a step up to end this row.



Trim the spoke ends and tuck under a few rows of weaving on the inside of the basket.

Wrap the fiber covered wire around a pencil and insert an end in one of the triangular spaces. Crimp on the inside to keep it in place. Dried stems look nice glued to the top of the basket.



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