

Bey-Her Baskets

Book Buddy Basket Pattern

Dimensions: Length 10" x Width 3" x Height of Basket 8" (approx.)

Weaving Level: Beginner

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Materials Required:

- 1" Shaker Tape (Handles)
- 1" or 7/8" Flat Reed (Stakes)
- 5/8" Flat Reed (Rim)
- 1/2" Flat Reed (Stakes, Fillers, Weavers)
- 3/8" Flat reed (Weavers)
- Assorted Dyed reed of your choice for accent
- 3/16" or 1/4" Flat Oval (Lasher – or Lasher of your choice)
- Seagrass (Rim Filler)



Base:

Cut 1 stake from 7/8" or 1" Flat Reed, at 32", mark center, wet.

Cut 2 stakes from 1/2" Flat Reed, at 32" each, mark center, wet.

Cut 9 stakes from 1/2" Flat Reed, at 24" each, mark center, wet.

Cut 2 filler pieces from 1/2" Flat Reed, at 14" each, mark center, wet.

Lay the 1- 7/8" or 1" as the center horizontal stake then the 2- 1/2", 32" stakes horizontally, above and below the center stake, aligning center marks.

Lay the 1/2" fillers between the horizontal stakes, aligning center marks. (Fillers will flank both sides of the center horizontal stake).

Weave 1 vertical stake **under the horizontal stakes and over the fillers**. Align center with center of the 7/8" horizontal stake. Weave 4 vertical stakes to the right of the center; weave 4 vertical stakes to the left of the center. Align center marks with center of center horizontal stake.

Space the stakes evenly; base measures 10". To form the solid base, bring the stakes and fillers above the center horizontal stake down tight against it and slide the stakes and fillers below the center horizontal stake up tight against it. Base measures 3" x 10".

Fillers: Cut the 1/2" filler piece in half just to the edge of the base. Bend the fillers over and tight against the vertical stake they border. and trim so that they will tuck under the next vertical stake to hide the ends. This will give you 2 pieces to tuck under the vertical stake. This will create "crows feet" (see picture to the right).



Rewet stakes as necessary; and upset by bending each stake at the base into an upright position.

Sides:

NOTE: Any size or color weave can be used to reach a height of 8". Below are two pattern options.

Option 1:

3 Rows ½" or 3/8" Flat reed
 Dyed Reed 4 rows ¼" Flat dyed reed **or** 2 rows 3/8" Flat Dyed Reed
 6 Rows ½" or 3/8" Flat reed
 Dyed Reed 4 rows ¼" Flat dyed reed **or** 2 rows 3/8" Flat Dyed Reed
 3 Rows ½" or 3/8" Flat reed (last row is the rim row)

Option 2:

5 or 6 rows ½" or 3/8" Flat reed
 Multiple rows Various color mix of, 11/64", 3/16" or ¼" flat or flat oval
 5 or 6 rows ½" or 3/8" Flat reed

Cut and Tuck:

Cut inside stakes even with top of basket; tuck outside stakes down into inside of basket (trim ends so they hide behind a horizontal side row).

Insert Handles:

Insert the shaker tape. The shaker tape will follow the 7/8" stake from the bottom center up the side, over the top, down the other side and back under to the center. It will go under the reed as described below.

1. Start one end on the bottom of the basket under the center vertical spoke.
2. Count two spokes to the right and go under, count two spokes to the right and go under. This should be the spoke at the end of the base.
3. Follow up the side and clip at the rim row. Leave enough strap for a handle.
4. As you follow down the other side of the basket, clip the strap to the rim row.
5. Going under the bottom of the basket, take the shaker tape under the spoke on the end, count two over and go under and then tuck under the center.
6. You can join your ends in the following ways: liquid stitch, hand sew, tuck under the row.

Rim

Use 5/8" Flat Reed for both inside and outside rim pieces. Use seagrass as a rim filler. Lash using 1/4" Flat Oval or other lashing material of your choice. "Form an X" (see tip* below) with the lasher at the handles. (Make sure to catch your handles between the basket wall and outside rim piece before lashing.)

TIP: *To "X" a handle. Step 1: Bring your lashing around the handle as you would any stake and to the inside of the basket. Step 2: Bring the lashing straight up behind the rim to the front of the handle and down across the handle to the left bottom of the handle; inserting under the rim row and to the inside of the basket. Step 3: Bring the lashing up over the rim to the outside of the basket, overlapping and following the initial path of the lasher (down and to the right); bring to the inside of the basket and continue on lashing remaining stakes.

