

*This basket was named after my Grandmother, Dee Singletary. We named our daughter, Lindsey ~ Dee after her. We were so close and not a day goes by that I don't think of her and miss her.



Materials:

½" flat reed
#3 round reed

5/8" flat reed
3/16" flat oval reed

PLEASE READ THROUGH THE ENTIRE PATTERN BEFORE BEGINNING!!

1. Cut 10 pieces of 1/2" flat reed 40" long. Cut 6 pieces of 1/2" flat reed 26" long and mark these with the letter "F". Cut 8 pieces of 5/8" flat reed 40" long and 2 pieces of 5/8" flat reed 60" long. Cut 40 pieces of #3 round reed (dyed) 36" long and put aside. Mark the centers of each piece of reed on the wrong side and soak in warm water along with 2 pieces of #3 round reed.

2. Place the following stakes **HORIZONTALLY** on the table in the following order:

- *1/2" flat 40"
- *1/2" filler (marked with an "F")
- *5/8" flat - 40"
- *1/2" filler
- *1/2" 40"
- *1/2" filler
- *5/8" 40"
- *1/2" filler
- *1/2" 40"
- *1/2" filler
- *5/8" 40"
- *1/2" filler
- *1/2" 40"

3. Weave the first **VERTICAL** stake **UNDER** the first horizontal stake. Weave in an under/over pattern. The first stake is a 5/8" flat stake and is woven across the center of the horizontal stakes.

4. Weave this pattern:

- *5/8" 40" (this is the center stake. Weave **UNDER**, over, under, over....)
- *Weave a 1/2" 40" stake on **EITHER** side of the 5/8" center stake
- *Weave a 5/8" 60" stake on either side (these are the handle stakes)
- *Weave a 1/2" 40" stake on either side of the handle stakes.
- *Weave a 5/8" 40" stake on either side
- *Weave a 1/2" 40" stake on either side
- *Weave a 5/8" 40" stake on either side

5. True the base 7" by 14". Tuck the filler stakes into the base. Twine 1 row around the base using #3 round reed. Upsett the stakes.

6. Weave 5 rows of 1/2" flat reed gently rounding the corners of the basket. **PACK!!!**

7. Triple twine 1 row with #3 round reed (dyed)

8. Weave 15 rows of 3/16" flat oval reed. **PACK!!!**

9. Triple twine 1 row of #3 round reed (dyed)

10. Weave 3 rows of 1/2" flat reed. **PACK!!!**

11. Now the slanted sides must be woven. Taper a piece of 3/16" flat oval reed. Place the tapered end of the piece of reed behind (on the inside) of the center stake on the short side of the basket. Weave over/under until you come to the other short side of the basket. When you get to the stake **BEFORE** the center stake (on the other short side of the basket) weave around that stake and come back to the side that you start on (instead of weaving all the way around the basket). Each time you weave to the short side of the basket, you will drop a stake. (I give the reed a "twist" every time I wrap around the stake so that the oval side is always facing the outside of the basket). When the 5 center stakes are left, taper the weaver and end it behind the stake. Repeat this on the other side of the basket. Be careful not to pull in too tightly at the corners. Pack both sides again.

12. Triple twin 3 rows of #3 round reed (dyed). This is the rim row. Tuck every stake except the handle stakes. To form the handles, fold the handle stake over each other and tuck the ends into the basket. The handles are on the sides of the basket **NOT** across the basket.

13. Wrap each handle with 3/16" flat oval reed.

14. Insert 1 piece of #3 round reed cut @ 36" underneath the rim row on each stake and pull up about 1/3 of the length of each piece of round reed.

15. Next take each piece of round reed and skip over the stake to the right and insert the end under the rim row and pull up on both ends so that the ends are even and a nice loop is formed.

16. All of the round reed should be sticking out of the top of the basket at this point. Take 2 pair (a pair consists of 2 pieces of round reed on top of 1 stake. There should be a pair of spokes on top of every stake) of the round reed spokes in your hands and take the pair on the **LEFT** and place it **BEHIND** the pair on the right and out to the front of the basket. Do this all the way around the basket. Next take 3 pair of spokes and take the pair on the left and cross over the pair in the middle and into the hole of the third pair going over the third pair. (If you hold the second and third pair of spokes down it is very easy to see where the spokes need to be placed). Do this all the way around the basket. Finally, do a simple braided border by taking any 3 pair and taking the pair on the left and go over the pair on the right and down into the basket. Continue all the way around the basket. Do 2-4 rows of the simple braided border. Let the basket dry.

17. Trim off the long pieces of the #3 round reed leaving 1/2" to 3/4" on each piece. Enjoy shopping with this basket!

