

UPSCALE TRASH

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Materials:

4 - 1 ½" wooden ball feet

1 - 8" square wood slotted base

5/8" flat - spokes (32 pieces, 12" long ea.)

7MM flat - weavers

1/4" flat (dyed) - weaver overlays 7 @ 42" long, spoke overlays 32 @ 11" long

½" flat - weavers

3/8" flat - rim row

11/64" flat - weavers

5/8 flat oval - inside and outside rims

1/4" flat - natural for lashing rim

Preparation:

Insert your 32 spokes around your base - 1 spoke in each corner and 7 along each

side of the wooden base. At each corner, place the spokes next to the corner spoke as close to that spoke as you can. The other spokes along the side will be evenly spaced out. Note: All of these spokes will be put into your base Right Side Up facing you. Weave 4 rows of 11/64 flat around the base. These are over 1, under 1 stop and start rows.

Now insert your spoke overlays, right side up, over the spokes and underneath the 11/64" flat rows.

Weave 19 rows of 7mm flat. Concentrate on your shaping as you go up the sides keeping your overlays in the middle of your spokes and hidden underneath the 11/64" rows. Be sure that your rows are well packed together.

Weave 7 rows of $\frac{1}{2}$ " flat with the dyed $\frac{1}{4}$ " flat overlay on top. First weave a $\frac{1}{2}$ " row, then immediately weave the overlay on top centering in the middle. To eliminate bulk, start and stop the overlay row in the middle behind a spoke. They will butt together. Continue on like this until you have completed the seven rows.

Weave 1 row $\frac{3}{8}$ " flat. This is called the rim row.

Trim and tuck your spokes. Cut off all the spokes that are inside the basket behind the rim row. The outside spokes consist of a natural $\frac{1}{2}$ " flat piece and a dyed overlay - cut off the overlay and only tuck in the natural spoke.

Rim with $\frac{5}{8}$ " flat oval on the inside and the outside. Use #3 seagrass for the rim filler. Single lash with $\frac{1}{4}$ " flat.

Now cut off all your fuzzies and you might want to sand some of the rough spots to give your basket a real nice professional look. You can make this basket with or without the ball feet. You can glue the feet on or attach with screws - this is up to you. In a class situation, I usually have the feet already screwed onto the base ahead of time. I like using weaver's stain, either in the oak or walnut color. Enjoy your basket.

Happy Weaving,
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