

Short Handles Tote

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8 ½" long x 5" wide x 8 ½" high (13" high with the handles)

Materials:

- 5 – 5/8" flat @ 30" (horizontal spokes)
- 4 – ½" flat @ 13" (base fillers)
- 7 – 5/8" flat @ 26" (vertical spokes)
- #2 round (base twiner)
- ½" flat natural & scarlet red (weaver)
- ¼" flat oval natural & scarlet red (weaver)
- 3/8" flat (rim row)
- ½" flat oval (rim)
- 11/64" flat oval (lasher)
- #3 seagrass (rim filler)
- 2 lengths 1" red shaker tape @ 22" (handles)
- 24 – ¼" flat oval scarlet red 12 @ 4" & 12 @ 1¼" (inlay accents)

Directions:

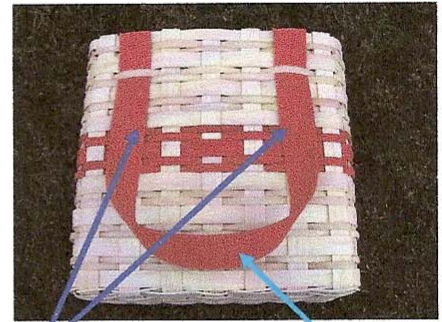
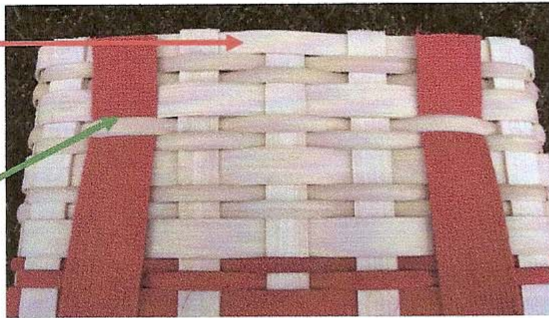
- 1.) Mark centers on all the spokes.
- 2.) Lay out the 5 horizontal spokes with the base fillers between.
- 3.) Begin weaving in the vertical spokes starting at center. Start the center spoke over the outer most horizontal spoke. Weave 3 spokes to each side of the center spoke.
- 4.) True the base to 8 ½" long.
- 5.) Pack the horizontal spokes and the base fillers close together.
- 6.) Cut & tuck the base fillers in the VV fashion to the inside of the basket. (Crow's feet).
- 7.) Twine the base once with #2 round reed.
- 8.) Upset the sides and weave the following alternating sequence straight up:
 - 1 row ½" flat (**Important:** This first row must fall over the center vertical spoke.)
 - 2 rows ¼" flat oval
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 - 1 row 3/8" flat (rim row)
- 9.) Cut the inside spokes and tuck the outside spokes.



- 10.) Insert the shaker tape ends under the 4th row (not including the rim row) of weaving from the top. This is a ¼" flat oval. See photos below. When inserting the 2 ends, allow the tapes to lie flat against the basket and the low curved part of the tape stand upright. The tapes will be folded upward and be woven in under the rim.

Rim Row

4th row
¼" flat oval



Tapes lay flat.

Curved part sits perpendicular to the basket surface.



Fold the handles upward.

- 11.) Rim the basket with ½" flat oval, fill the rim with #3 seagrass (allow the seagrass to fall to the inside of the handles) and lash the basket xxing the rim with 11/64" flat oval.
- 12.) Insert the inlay pieces under the scarlet red woven rows as shown below. Slide a small screwdriver up under the woven rows and slip the inlays in place.



4" inlays

1 ¾" inlays

- 13.) Apply masking tape over the shaker tape handles. This protects them during the staining process.
- 14.) Sign, date & stain your basket. Remove masking tape.