

Pumpkin Treat Basket



Base: 7 1/2" Round
Middle: 10" Round
Top: 9" Round
Sides: 7" Tall
Handle: Wrapped Push-In

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 6 pieces @ 28" - 5/8" flat reed (spokes)
- 6 pieces @ 28" - 3/8" **dyed** flat reed (spokes)
- 40' - #3 round reed (twining)
- 75' - 1/4" flat reed (weavers)
- 1 piece @ 22" - 5/8" flat oval (handle)
- 2 pieces @ 32" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 30" - #6 round (rim filler)
- 3 piece @ 8' - 1/4" flat reed (lasher and handle wrap)
- 1 piece @ 12" - 3/8" **dyed** flat reed (handle inset)
- 2 small nails

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Familiarize yourself with the tutorials linked in the QR codes. Each one will help you on that given step.
- Gather scissors, clothespins, ruler and a pencil.
- Set aside 2-3 hours.

Step-by-Step Instructions

1 Soak all of the natural spokes and #3 round reed for several minutes until pliable. Find the **rough** sides of the **six natural** spokes and lay them out horizontally in front of you.

With a ruler, mark the centers, **1 3/4"** to the right of center and **1 3/4"** to the left of center on the six spokes.

Lay the marked spokes out in a clockwise design (12 o'clock, 10 o'clock, 2 o'clock, 11 o'clock, 1 o'clock, and 9 o'clock).

2 Taking a long piece of #3 round reed, crimp and fold it not quite in half. Begin twining around the spokes on the marks making certain your first round makes a **3 1/2"** circle.

Continue twining a total of **seven** rounds. On the eighth round, add the remaining six **dyed** spokes one at a time, in between the original six spokes.

Continue twining, splicing in new #3 round reeds as necessary, until the base measures **7 1/2"**. Cut the #3 round twiners and tuck them in your twining.

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3 Upsett the spokes.

Split one natural spoke down the middle to create an odd number of spokes.

Soak several long lengths of 1/4" flat oval reed.

Taper one piece for 6-8". Starting at any spoke, begin over and under weaving.

When you get back to the starting spoke, weave **in between the split** spoke and continue the round.



5 Fold and tuck all of the **outside** stakes into the inside of the basket.

Clip the remaining inside stakes flush with the top row of weaving.

Slide the tails of the basket handle down into several rows of weaving on opposite sides of the basket. Choose a natural (not dyed) stake. *You may wish to apply a line of glue along the handle tails before sliding them in.*



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7 Starting **1 1/2"** up from the rim, beginning wrapping the handle with the 1/4" flat oval. Fold the end up and wrap around it so as to trim the excess later. A bead of glue along the length of the handle will help keep the wrap in place. **Add** in the **accent piece** and alternate wrapping behind and in front of it. Continue wrapping until you are **1 1/2"** from the other side of the rim. Again tuck the excess under a few wraps and trim.



4 Holding the basket upside down will make the shaping of the continuous weaving easier.

The first third of the weaving, (about 8-9 rounds), should **flare outward** to a span of 10" across the basket.

The middle third of the basket, (about 8-9 more rounds), should go **up straight**, and the remaining third of the basket, (about 8-9 rounds), should **pull in**.

The top of the basket will measure **9"** across. Add new 1/4" flat oval weavers whenever needed by overlapping 4 spokes.

End weaving when the basket is **7"** tall, tapering the last 6" - 8" of the 1/4" flat reed.

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6 Soak and fit the inside and outside rims overlapping the ends 3" on opposite sides of the basket.

Sandwich the #6 round reed rim filler in between the rims. Make sure that rim filler is cut and butted up tight on either side of the handle.

Single-lash the rims and filler tightly with the 1/4" flat reed lasher.

Nail through the inside rim and handle on both sides

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