

# OLD GLORY<sub>©</sub>

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## SUPPLIES:

### Handle:

6" Round top  
notched handle with 1/2"  
closed notch

### Spokes: 5/8" flat

Cut 7 spokes - 23"

(4) Red

(3) Natural

Cut 5 spokes - 26"

(2) Red

(3) Natural

### Base Filler: 1/2" flat

Cut 4 – 14" Natural

### Locking Row: 1/4" flat

Cut 1 – 30" Natural

### Rows: 3/8" flat

(7) - 34" Red

(6) - 34" Natural

### Rim Row:

3/8" flat - 34" Natural

### Rims: 1/2" flat oval

(2) - 34" Natural

### Rim filler: Seagrass



### Lashing: 3/16" flat oval

### Flag\*:

3" poplar, dyed navy (approx. 4" long),  
stenciled with 13 stars

### Flag Cheater Strips:

1/4" flat, dyed navy

Cut 2 – 5"

Base size: approximately 6" x 8"

Finished height, without handle: approximately 6"

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## WEAVING INSTRUCTIONS:

NOTE: To achieve the stripe effect, it is important to follow the placement of the spokes and the correct "OVER/UNDER" directions, below.

### Base (figure 1):

- 1) Using 26" spokes and 14" filler pieces, lay the reed out horizontally, in the following order-- top to bottom, matching centers, with no space between reed:

26" natural

14" filler

26" red

14" filler

26" natural

14" filler

26" red

14" filler

26" natural

- 2) Weave a natural 23" spoke at the center of the horizontal spokes, beginning

OVER the outside spoke

UNDER the next 3 (filler/red/filler)

OVER center

UNDER the next 3 (filler/red/filler)

OVER the outside spoke

- 3) Weave a red spoke on either side, going

UNDER the outside spoke

Under the center

OVER the next 3

Under the outside spoke

Leave approximately 1/2" space between vertical spokes.

- 4) Using a natural spoke, repeat the weaving pattern in #2, above, on either side of the red spokes

- 5) Using a red spoke, repeat the weaving pattern in step #3, above, on either side of the natural spokes

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

**The spokes should alternate natural/red, all around the basket; center spokes (all sides) are natural**

- 6) Upset ONLY the FILLER spokes.

Tuck the outside fillers under the second spoke from the outside, pointing outward

Tuck the two inside fillers, making a "V", under the second spoke, toward the center

- 7) Using the 1/4" natural flat reed, weave a locking row all around the basket.

- 8) Base should measure approximately 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

- 9) Upset spokes

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### Sides:

Note: The basket will have a "front" and a "back". To hide all of the start/stop seams, begin each row at the "back" of the basket.

- 1) Start with a red weaver, weaving OVER NATURAL and BEHIND RED spokes
- 2) Weave second row with natural weaver, weaving OVER RED and BEHIND NATURAL spokes
- 3) Alternate rows with red and natural, until 13 rows have been completed
- 4) Weave rim row with 3/8" flat
- 5) Cut and tuck spokes

### Handle:

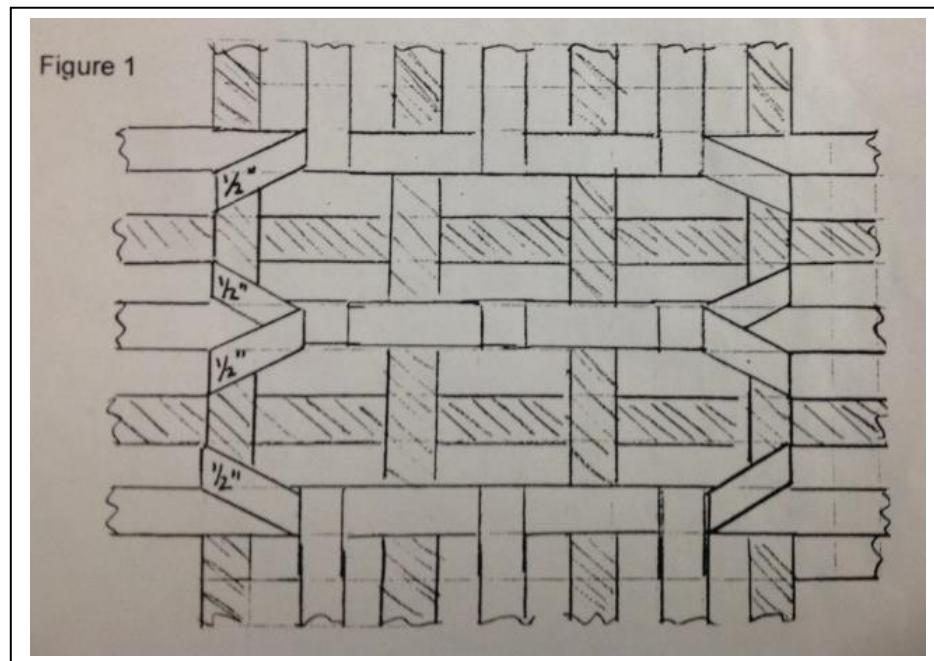
Insert handle on inside of basket, under the two natural rows, lining up the notch with the rim row.

### Rim:

- 1) Rim with 1/2" flat oval, filling with seagrass. Lash, using 3/16" flat oval, making "X's" on the outside of the handles.

### Flag:

- 1) Cut the blue poplar, with stenciled stars, to fit below rim and covering the 7<sup>th</sup> row from the bottom (red row). Place the poplar on the front of the basket, close to the left side and to left edge of the center spoke
- 2) Attach poplar with two short pieces of 1/4" flat, dyed navy blue, covering the left and right edges of the poplar. (The 1/4" reed will be pushed up, under the rim, and behind the natural weaver on the 6<sup>th</sup> row from the bottom.)



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