

OLD GLORY®

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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) Upsett 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) Upsett 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:

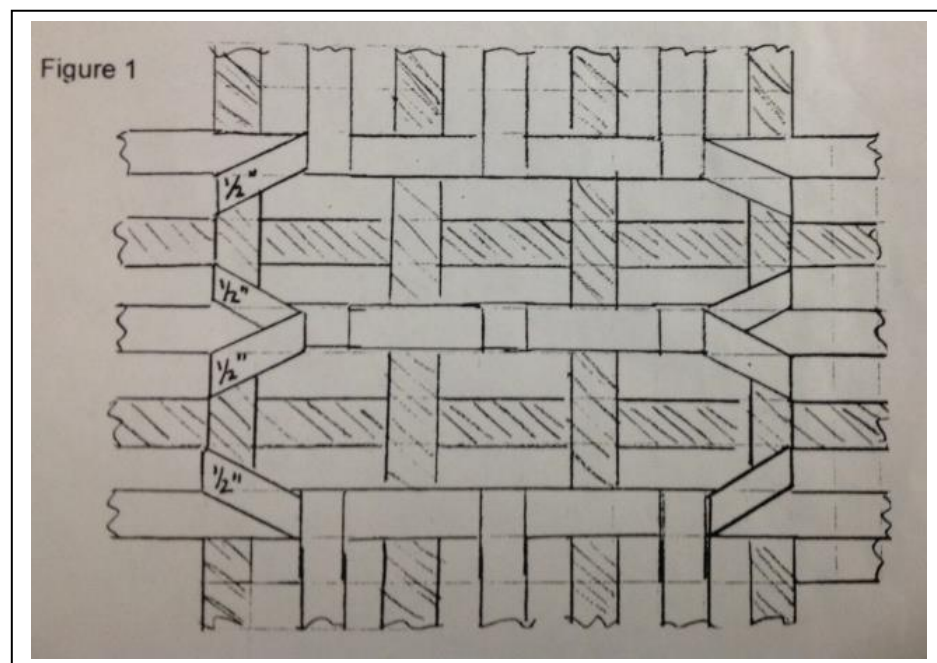
Insert handle on inside of basket, under the two natural rows, lining up the notch with the rim row.

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 7th 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 6th row from the bottom.)



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