



Carolyn's Diaper Basket

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MEASUREMENTS:

approximately 6½" wide x 12½" long x 9½" high

MATERIALS:

½" Flat Reed: Spokes
 #2RR: Twining around base
 #3RR in 2-3 colors: Twining or 3-Rod Wale
 ½" Flat Reed: Weavers
 1 ½" Ash
 ¼" Flat Reed: Weaver & Lashing
 ½" Flat Oval: Rim
 #5RR: Rim filler
 60" (approx.) of 1½"-wide Ribbon: Trim
 ?-yard of 45" fabric: Lining
 Invisible Thread



BASE: From the ½" Flat Reed, cut 11 spokes at 33" and 7 spokes at 39" marking centers on wrong side. Weave spokes into a base measuring 6" x 11½". Twine one row with #2RR upset spokes.

SIDES: With medium pressure, twine or 3-rod wale two rows. With ½" Flat Reed weave over and under 11 rows. As you weave, slightly shape sides into oval. With #3RR twine or 3-rod wale 2 or 3 colors. With 1½" ash weave 1 row. With #3RR twine or 3-rod wale 2 rows upset spokes inward lightly. You may have to taper stakes to keep ¼" space between all spokes, especially corner spokes. With ¼" Flat Reed weave over and under for 8 rows, making sure to shape the basket inward with each row. With #3RR twine or 3-rod wale 2 rows upset spokes so they go straight up. With ¼" Flat Reed weave 1 row. Press spokes so they are straight up (as best you can). Cut stakes on inside of top row. Taper and tuck stakes on outside of top row, into the first available rows of ¼" weaver.

RIM: Soak 1 piece of ½" FO that is long enough to reach around top of basket and overlap by 2½". Also soak 1 piece of ½" Flat Reed and a long piece of ¼" Flat Reed. Cut 1 piece of #4RR or #5RR for rim filler.

Place ½" Flat Reed on inside top row of ¼" Flat Reed and secure with clothespins. Then place ½" FO on outside of basket with filler piece and secure all with clothespins. Lash tightly with ¼" Flat Reed.

FINISHING: Weave ribbon over 1½" ash and under stakes. Tie bow just to the right of center.

LINING: Measure inside of basket. From fabric, cut 1 middle piece and 2 side pieces to fit, adding ½" at top edge for hem (my middle piece measured 27" x 12"; my side pieces measured 6½" x 11"). Sew sides to middle piece using ½" seam allowance. Fold over ½" hem all around the top and iron to crease. Using invisible thread, sew creased fabric edge to inside top of basket

CAROLYN'S DIAPER BASKET will hold one full bag of large-size diapers.

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