

Basket Reeder

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Free Pattern – Mini List Keeper

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Mini List Keeper

Dimensions: Base: 3/4"
Ht: 1 1/4"

Materials: 4 ply Wax Linen — 3 colors
Small metal loop to attach necklace

From your main color **cut 16 spokes @ 10"**, **also cut 1 piece 3 yds. Long** for your beginning weaver and fold in half.

Divide spokes into two sets of 8, with one set tie a knot in center as a group; set aside. With the other set of 8 in your left hand, find approximate center and cross 4 over 4. Take weaver and loop over one set of four. Start twining once around the base by sets of 4. Divide into sets of 2 and weaver around again. Then weave one row of single spokes. Find beginner spoke and tie a small loop in the end. All rows will begin and end at this spoke. This is the outside of your basket. Continue twining for 5 more rows until base is big enough to add second set of spokes (approx. 3/4" diameter). Holding knot of 2nd set of spokes against the inside of your base, twine a new spoke between each original spoke.

After all spokes are added twine for 9 more rows—bringing sides straight up—do not pull in. **Do not cut weavers.** Cut 2nd color weaver 15"

and fold in half. Loop over knotted spoke and weave 1 row. **Do not cut weavers.** Pick up 1st color and weave 1 row. Cut these weavers and press to inside of basket. Pick up 2nd color and weave 1 more row. Cut and press ends to inside. Using 3rd color cut 1 weaver 26" long, and fold in half. Loop over knotted spoke and weave 3 rows. Cut weavers and presto inside. Using 2nd color, cut 1 weaver 15" long, fold in half, loop over knotted spoke and weave 1 row. **Do not cut weavers.** Using 1st color again, cut 1 weaver 40" long, fold in half. Weave 1 row. **Do not cut weavers.** Pick up 2nd color and twine 1 more row. Cut weavers and press to inside. Add silver loop over knotted spoke. Pick up 1st color and twine 4 more rows. Cut weavers leaving ends on outside of basket (rim will cover this).

Gretchen's Border: 1st row—start with any spoke and weave it behind it's neighbor to the right and down to the outside of the basket. Do this all the way around. 2nd and 3rd rows—starting anywhere pick up 3 spokes and hold in your left hand. With right hand take farthest spoke from the left, go over other 2 and down—holding them down behind your left hand. Pick up next spoke (to make 3) and again take the farthest spoke on the left, cross over the other 2 and bring down behind your left hand. *It's important to hold left hand close to the basket to keep finished spokes separate from others.* Continue all the way around until you have 2 spokes left. To find where to tuck the far left spoke, push up on the beginning spoke making a small loop. Again bring the far left spoke into the loop formed nearest the basket. Now push 2nd spoke up and tuck the remaining spoke into the loop formed nearest the basket. Tighten spokes back up. After 3rd row snip off ends close to last row. At this point I squeezed my basket—front and back together—to make it flat.

Necklace—cut 3 pieces of original color, each approx. 38". Braid. Slip through loop and knot.

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