

Merry Christmas Mini Wall Basket

By Attic Treasures Basketry

Weave for Christmas. This little basket is great for candies, small gift or a gift card and can even be hung on the tree.

Materials List:

½ inch flat reed stakes
#2 round for twining base
¼ inch flat for weavers
3/16 or ¼ inch flat oval for colored weavers
3/8 flat for false rim row
½ inch flat oval for rim
11/64 flat or flat oval for rim lashing

Base size:

2 ¼" x 4"



Directions:

From the ½ inch flat reed cut three stakes @ 15 inches. These will be your horizontal stakes.

Also cut three @ 14 inch stakes. These will be 3 of your vertical stakes.

Cut two stakes at 24 inches. These will be the stakes vertical stakes that also cross over to form the large loopy handle.

Make centers of all stakes except the handle stakes.

Lay the three horizontal stakes out in front of you.

Weave a vertical stake under the middle horizontal stake.

On both sides of the middle vertical stake, weave in the two long handle stakes. Line the edge of the handle stakes up with your other stakes at the front (bottom), leaving them long at the top (back)

On the ends weave in the two other short vertical stakes. These will be under the middle horizontal stake.

Weave the 24 inch handle stakes in between the vertical stakes so that you have a 3x5 stake base. Line up the bottom edge.

Square up the base to about 2 ¼ x4 inches. Twine with #2 round twice around the middle.

Weaving:

Upset the stakes and weave ¼ inch flat reed for 8 rows.

On the first row weave **over** those long handle stakes.

After your 8 rows are complete, you can form your long stakes into the handles. Spray them with water and then take one handle piece over and tuck it in behind the other handle piece. Tuck it about 3 rows down into the weaving. (Remove, trim and adjust as needed) Now take the other handle piece bring it around and in front of of previous handle piece. Tuck it down about three rows adjusting as needed. The loops should overlap, one nesting inside the other.

Weave three rows of 3/16 or ¼ inch flat oval in a dyed reed.

Weave one more ¼ inch flat row and a ⅜ inch rim row.

Cut and tuck. Rim with ½ inch flat oval and lash with 1 1/64 flat or flat oval.

Stain and trim your little basket as desired. To achieve the look in the basket, use a darker stain on the rim by masking off the bottom part of the basket and applying the dark stain to the rim.

The button in the example photo is from [Glaze Girl Designs on Etsy](https://www.etsy.com/shop/GlazeGirlDesigns) and is tied on with waxed linen. <https://www.etsy.com/shop/GlazeGirlDesigns>

Sign, date and enjoy your basket!

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