

Checked Organizer

Material: ½" FF dyed and natural
 3/8" FF
 ¼" FO
 ½" FO
 (2) 9" leather handles
 #7 RR



Spoke cuts: From ½" FF natural, cut 5 @ 37 and 6 @ 33". From ½" FF dyed the color of your choice, cut 6 @ 37 and 9 @ 33. From 3/8" FF cut 10 @ 22". Soak the spokes and a medium length of ¼" FO in warm water for 2 – 3 minutes. Mark the centers of the natural spokes on the wrong sides.

Base Layout: Horizontally on the table in front of you, use a spoke weight to lay the spokes out in this fashion:

37" dyed, 22" natural, 37" natural, 22" natural
REPEAT this sequence until all the 37" natural and dyed and the 22" spokes are used. The spokes should be tight together with NO space between.

To make the checkered design on the side weaving work, the color combination changes on the vertical spokes. Start the vertical weaving with a dyed 33" spokes down the horizontal center weaving OVER the dyed and UNDER all three naturals. (Treat the two natural 22" spokes and the natural 33" spokes as one spoke.)

Weave a natural 33" spoke on each side of the vertical center weaving UNDER the dyed and OVER all three of the naturals.

Weave a dyed spoke on each side of the natural.

To make the side weaving 'checkered', weave another dyed spoke on each side. (There will be two dyed spokes next to each other)

Alternate a natural and a dyed spoke on each side. Repeat to finish the basket.

To recap: Looking at the finished base picture on the right, the vertical weaving should be:

dyed, natural, dyed, natural, DYED, DYED, natural, dyed, natural, DYED, DYED, natural, dyed, natural and dyed.

Adjust the base to measure 9 ½" X 14 ½".

Filler spokes: The 22" spokes are filler spokes for the base. These will be tucked at this time. Re-wet the spokes. Without disturbing the base measurement, bend the filler spokes over themselves toward the center of the base. Trim the ends of these filler spokes to lay under the



third spoke from each end. Tuck the ends in a 'v' shape under the third spoke. Repeat this all the way around until you have tucked all the filler spokes.



Weave a locking row of ¼"FO around the base, mitering at the corners. Upset the spokes.

Side weaving:

One row ½" FF dyed – the first row MUST start on the left side of a long side on the outside of a natural spoke.

One row ½" FF natural.

One row ½" FF dyed.

One row ½" FF natural.

One row ½" FF dyed.

One row ½" FF natural.

Two rows ½" FF dyed.

One row ½" FF natural.

One row ½" FF dyed.

One row ½" FF natural.

One row ½" FF dyed.

One row ½" FF natural.

One row ½" FF dyed.

Pack all weaving. Before weaving the last row of 3/8" FF natural with the leather handles attached, re-wet the tops of the spokes. The leather handles will be placed on the short sides of the basket, on the outside of the basket over the two spokes on each side of the center spoke.



Cut and tuck: Cut the spokes on the inside of the last row of weaving flush with the top of the last row. Tuck the spokes on the outside of the last row of weaving to the inside of the basket under two rows of weaving.

Rim: Rim the basket with ½" FO on the inside and outside of the basket with a 3" overlap on each rim. Fill the center of the rims with #7 RR stopping and starting on each side of the

handles. (There will be four pieces of rim filler altogether.) Lash the basket with ¼" FO making an 'x' at each handle.

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