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PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING



YOUR KIT CONTAINS:

- Plastic Basket Frames
- Plastic Weaving Reed
- Plastic Connectors (for joining pieces of reed)

AGE GROUP: 10 and up PROJECT TIME: 60 minutes

YOU WILL NEED:

- Scissors
- Ruler

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Measure and cut 3-8 ½ ft. lengths of weaving reed for each basket.
- 2. Begin on the outside of any rib, leaving one-half inch overlap to the inside of the basket (See step 1). Weave from left to right, in and out between ribs. It is important to weave snugly. DO NOT pull reed too tightly as it may cause ribs to bend and you will lose some of the fine profile of the basket.

NOTE: To make it a little easier to weave, pull reed through the upper or wider part of the basket frame where there is more room between the ribs. Then pull and push the reed down into position (See step 2). Some may find it more comfortable to weave the bowl with the bottom side up.

- 3. To connect lengths of reed: As you come to the end of a length of reed, cut a piece of connector approximately ¾" long on the diagonal and insert it half way into the end of the reed. If the connector is too snug to fit into the reed, whittle it down by scraping with a knife or scissors. Take the next length of weaving reed and slip it over the other half of the connector joining the two pieces. This will give you a continuous length of reed to continue weaving with until your basket is complete (See step 3).
- 4. When finished weaving, trim excess reed leaving approximately \(\frac{4}{7}\) extra length tucked to the inside of the basket (See step 4).

