

# Mini Bowl Basket

variation by Karen Booth

## Supplies:

8 pieces 12" long of natural **d**" Flat  
 #2 Round about 5 long pieces  
 #00 seagrass  
**d**" Flat Oval for rim  
 super fine cane for lashing (approx. **c**" wide)  
 4 ½" Leather Handles



## Instructions:

### SPOKES & BASE:

1. Mark centers on each of the 12 pieces.
2. On 2 spokes mark 1" to each side of the center.
3. Cross these two spokes, matching centers. Pencil marks will now be your guide for starting the base.
4. Lay 2 more spokes out making a star, crossing at center marks.
5. Fold a long piece of #2 round almost in half and begin twining on one of the marks. Twine around the base for 5 rows.
6. Continue to twine around the base adding each of the other 4 spokes in the spaces as you come to them. Twine around all spokes until the base measures 3½" round.

### BASKET WALL:

7. Triple twine for 5 rows gently bringing up the spokes for sides as you go.
8. Cup base by pushing up the center.
9. Continue twining with one piece of #2 and 1 piece of mini seagrass for 5 rows.
10. Triple twine for 5 rows.
11. Using ¼ " flat for inner rim filler, make a piece just long enough to go around the basket with about a 5 spoke overlap. Thread both handles onto this piece of ¼" flat. Push the handles down the ¼" flat until about 3" stick out. Center one handle over 3 spokes. (*Each handle will span 3 spokes with 1 spoke between the ends of the handle.*) Begin to weave the filler in place, slide the other handle into position on the opposite side of the basket.
12. Cut & tuck spokes.
13. Cross lash rim tightly with super fine cane using **d**" flat oval for the rim and sea grass for the rim filler.

This basket was inspired by a pattern from the booklet *Baskets, Baskets, Baskets* by Donna Rohkohl ©1983. This was one of the first books I used when I started making baskets seriously in 13 years ago. It has several very basic baskets with good illustrations for beginning techniques. I so liked the natural looking combination of seagrass and round reed that I've incorporated variations of it into many of my baskets since. My mini bowl is an adaptation of the *Twining Time* pattern, using my handles of course. Enjoy the basket and check out Donna's book, you may still be able to get it from your local supplier.