

# Out the Door Quick

by Delane Kolbe

8480 PATTERN SHEET—  
Out the Door Quick



*Created by Delane Kolbe of Lebanon, Tennessee, this neat little basket measures about 6 in. x 4 in. at its base. Make this easy piece 10 inches tall or make the shorter version at just 4.5 inches tall. Either way, you'll weave with natural and dyed reed, finish with a standard rim and use a short length of Shaker Tape for the*

*handle. 'Out the Door Quick' is just that—quick and easy. It's great for hanging on a doorknob or peg in your kitchen or family room—the perfect place to keep keys or paperwork. Make up a couple of these and use them to help you stay organized, or make them as gifts!*

## Materials (for taller version)

1/2" Flat Reed	80 ft. Stakes/Weavers
7mm Flat Reed	10 ft. Base Fillers & Top Row
#2 Round (optional)	4 ft. Base Twining
11/64" Flat <i>Dyed Reed</i>	30 ft. Weavers & Rim Fillers
1/2" Flat Oval Reed	5 ft. Rims
1/4" Flat Reed	6 ft. Lashing
1" Shaker Tape	18 in. Handle

## Hints in working with Reed

1. When the pattern calls for soaking your Flat or Round Reed, soaking 1 or 2 minutes in warm water is usually long enough to make reed flexible. Soak the Flat Oval 5 to 10 minutes in hot water. Rewet reed as you weave if needed.
2. Soak dyed reed separately, rinse well and wipe with towel before using.
3. Do not over soak your reed, it will become mushy.
4. Flat Reed has a smooth side and a rough side. You can determine the rough side by sharply bending a wet piece of reed in half. The rough side will usually fray or splinter more than the smooth side.
5. As you weave you'll want to maintain an equal space between stakes by gently pushing on the stakes to keep them vertical; square the corners slightly as you weave each row.
6. Do not leave spaces between the rows of weaving. On the sides of your basket, weave each row independently; overlapping the ends of each weaver across 4 stakes.
7. Reed should be completely dry before being stored.

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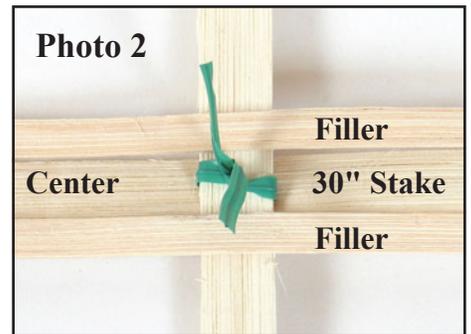
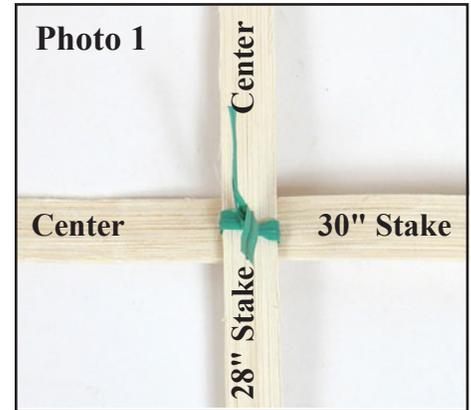
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## Weaving the Base

Sort through your 1/2" Flat material and choose the heavier weight pieces for the stakes. Cut 7 pieces (stakes) 28" long and 5 stakes 30" long from 1/2" Flat Reed. From the 7mm Flat Reed, cut 4 base fillers 12" long. Soak stakes and fillers. Mark one stake that's 30" long in the center *on the rough side* of the reed with a pencil. Find the center of one 28" stake and tie a twist tie around the center spot, rough side up.

Lay the 28" twist-tied stake vertically on top of the 30" marked stake at a 90° angle, aligning the centers. See Photo 1. Next, center a 7mm base filler above and below the horizontal 30" stake; place fillers tightly against the stake. See Photo 2.

*NOTE: The twist-tie identifies the center of the base. All stakes and fillers will be woven rough side up; as you add each stake to your base, align its ends with the ends of these center stakes. Weave all 28" stakes parallel to the center 28" stake; weave all 30" stakes parallel to the center 30" stake.*

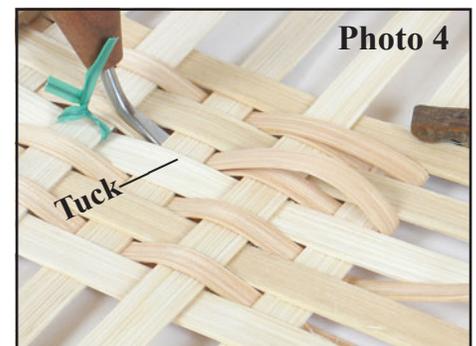


Next, weave one stake to either side of the center vertical (weaving under the center stake and over the 2 fillers) spacing these stakes about 3/8" apart. Weave the remaining fillers and horizontal stakes, alternating the weaving pattern and alternating stake, filler, stake—note their position in relation to the center stake. See Photo 3.

Add remaining vertical stakes, spacing 3/8" apart. Check size of base: the woven area should measure about 3.5" x 6" with stakes extending about 11 1/2" from the edge of the base on each side. Place a clothespin in each corner of the base.

Soak the base and upset the basket by creasing each stake and filler at the edge of the base. Cut to length then tuck the fillers under the 3rd stake from each end. See Photo 4.

*NOTE: Our shorter version has a row of twining around the base.*



## Weaving the Sides

Weave the sides\* in plain weave (rough side to the inside) according to the following:

Row 1-12	1/2" Flat
Rows 13-15	11/64" Dyed Flat Reed
Row 16	1/2" Flat
Rows 17-19	11/64" Dyed Flat Reed
Row 20	1/2" Flat
Rows 21-23	11/64" Dyed Flat Reed
Row 24-25	1/2" Flat
Row 26	7mm Flat (top row)

\*Note: Pre-cut each weaver to the same length (approximately 24"); this helps in creating a consistent shape and size through all rows. Keep stakes damp and adjust the stakes as you weave to maintain even spacing between stakes.

## Packing and Finishing

Pack rows. Soak stakes that extend above the top row of weaving. Crease, trim to length, then tuck each stake where the top row of weaver is on the inside of the basket. Hide each tucked end behind a row of 1/2" Flat on the inside of your basket. Cut all remaining stakes flush with the top of the basket.

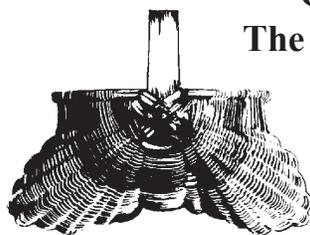
Attach handle by wrapping ends of Shaker Tape around the top row of weaving at the second stake from each corner (on one long side of the basket). *Note: With the 1" Tape we made a single-layer handle; the shorter basket uses 5/8" Shaker Tape and we used two layers for the handle.* Stitch or staple to secure if desired.

Sand the 1/2" Flat Oval rims if needed. Soak. Determine the rim lengths, allowing about a 4" overlap. Attach rims to basket with clothespins temporarily. Mark the overlap area, remove rims and carve each overlap.

Soak 3 pieces of 11/64" Dyed Reed (rim filler). Attach rims & fillers and to the basket with cable ties. Place the overlap of the inside rim in the front of the basket, place the overlap of the outside rim on the back, and stand the dyed reed on edge to fill the space between the rims. *NOTE: Our shorter version uses #3 Seagrass for the rim filler.*

Using 1/4" Flat Reed, single lash the rims to the basket, creating a 'back stitch' to form a cross at each handle end if desired.

Out the Door Quick! Thanks, Delane, for sharing this basket with us.



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