

The Story Behind *Charge It* Basket



Seasons. There are only 4 in a calendar year; and depending on where you live, you don't experience all of them. I've helped each of my girls learn the seasons by singing a cute little kids' song with them. I love asking people what their favorite season is, and why, because I always enjoy the answer. For me, it's always been Fall, because in Kentucky, the trees turn, it's beautiful, and the heat of Summer goes away. In the Fall, we have bonfires, S'mores, pumpkin spice, and all those things are warm and cozy to me... However, being an adult and back on the Farm, my favorite season might be changing to Spring. That's because of all the new life, planting the garden, and planning canning season with my aunt and cousin. Spring might take the lead for me soon; I'm just hesitant to hurt Fall's feelings.

My point in this ramble about Seasons is that on a calendar year, they are very simple. There are four and there is an official day when that season starts and ends. However, in real life, we know it is much more complicated than that. We all have stories about how our "neck of the woods" (Al Roker anyone?) stays confused about what season it is. We check the weather daily to know how to dress, or for me, how to dress my children.

I think this is how **seasons of life** go as well. You never know what you are going to get or what a day holds, no matter what your calendar says. That's what this basket is about. I designed it for a specific spot in my brand-new farmhouse. I'm still in shock that I can even say I'm getting a farmhouse but none the less, it's happened. Thanks to Granny and Pepaw for leaving me 10 acres of my choice off these amazing 600 acres! We have been in a season of transition since December 2021, when we made the decision to move from Austin, TX to the Farm in Taylorsville, KY. Our personal life has been the seasons of change for so many months now... my head spins most days... I'm eager to be fully in this season; but also, very eager for this season to be done, for us to move in, and get to live in this amazing new home.

This is a basket to hold all my girls' tech stuff in their tech cubbies, but it's much more than that. It's a spot for technology to take a break, for us to all get a breather. A spot for our girls to know we will be people who look up, and talk, and play board games, and dig in dirt, and have fun. I want the technology to be out of sight and mind for all of us, and these baskets will make that happen.

Side note: I think this basket would be better with a smaller sibling for people who just want to hide an Alexa or phone. However, I had a complaint in the Flock in a previous year that a basket I designed was too small for the membership; so, I'm very hesitant to create anything small for you. But I do see a need for a 2.0 Charge It with a hole in the back. So that is on the to do list, along with moving in our house; but that "move in date" keeps changing, just like seasons.

It's never just a basket,
Dani