# The Reed Reader by Bright Expectations

**Basket Weaving Patterns \* Ready Made Baskets \* Custom Created Baskets** 

### Tell me about your local guild!

I had always been disappointed that there wasn't a local basket weaver's guild in southern Illinois that I could belong to that would introduce me to other weavers and provide a platform to share ideas with like minded folks. Illinois has the Land of Lincoln guild but that's really too far to travel for regular meetings. I met fellow weaver, Christie Carron, at a festival I had a booth at and we began to formulate the idea of organizing a local guild. She kindly took the lead and the <u>Little Egypt Weavers</u> guild was formed. The first meeting for January unfortunately had to be cancelled due to inclement weather, but there is a lot of interest and I'm so looking forward to meeting everyone. I hope to have pictures to share soon.

I'd love to feature your guild too in an upcoming issue. Just email some details (and photos would be great too).



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## Featured Basketry Suppliers

**Atkinson's Country House - Sandy Atkinson** 

Supplies, patterns, kits - Even DVDs of her TV series!

www.sandyatkinson.com

**Basket University - Trista Rothgerber** 

Huge fan of Trista's basket weaving! Classes, kits, and patterns. Check out the excellent free patterns!

www.basketuniversity.com

Are you a supplier or vendor of basketry related items? I would love to feature your store or webpage here. If you can provide a discount to "The Reed Reader's" followers that would be great! Even a small discount for a limited time can encourage a new shopper.

### Market Basket with a Seaside Flair - "Daphne" is here.



Josephine knots in shades of the ocean and sandy beaches give this farmers market style basket that seaside flair. I enjoy going to the weekly market in our southern ocean side snowbird locale. And this basket was designed by that inspiration. Gathering fresh veggies and fruits is a lot more fun in a great basket rather than those throw away plastic bags the vendors provide.

The "Daphne" pattern includes 21 photos and will walk you through every step of creating the knots and attaching them to your basket.

To purchase this basket pattern, please click below. "<u>Daphne</u>"

## OUTSIDE THE BOX OUTSIDE THE BOX

I would like to think I can carry on with at least one "outside the box" basket or design every month during 2016. But it seems easy to get wrapped up in traditional weaving. This month's feature basket is a combination of both. I was recently contacted by a customer who has an 1880's era fully restored Studebaker horse drawn carriage. She wanted a basket to fit in the compartment behind the buggy's seat. While not a traditional type of basket for a carriage, we came up with this chest style design that will compliment the overall look. It was a fun project that I had to design as I was weaving, but I think it turned out pretty good. Several asked for the pattern which I will try to work on in the coming month. Any recommendations for a name?











## How Do They Do That? WEAVING TECHNIQUES

I'm guessing I spend more time than the average person on the internet trying to figure out how to do something - not just weaving, but many DIY projects. I'm curious by nature and love to learn new things. My list of "got to try this" is pretty long (I even have a Pinterest board titled "Got To Try This" :o). There are several weaving techniques that I would love to master (or at least attempt) and then incorporate them into a new basket design.

By searching the internet, you can find instruction for just about everything. For your convenience, these are some techniques with links to either the website or a video with detailed instruction. Some are very basic and for the beginning weaver, others for the more advanced. Disclosure ... these are not done by me, but are simply links to websites that others have posted. When viewing the newsletter from your computer, anything shown in blue will hyperlink you to the correct site. I have attempted to give proper credit to the contributor or creator of the instruction and apologize profusely if an error is made.

Excellent <u>videos</u> have been done on the Bases to Weave website (by Debbie Hurd and Candace Katz).

- 1) The Incredible Scarfing Tool
- 2) Braided Handle
- 3) Cherokee Wheels
- 4 Butterfly Knot
- 5) Folded Rim
- 6) French Randing Technique
- 7) Cross Stitch Weave Technique
- 8) Rectangle Base Technique

Visit them at <u>www.basestoweave.com</u> for supplies, patterns, and kits.

I am a huge fan of Joanna's basket weaving and would love to go to Minnesota just to meet her. Her <u>tutorials</u> have been graciously shared for us all to enjoy. This is just a sampling of her offerings:

- \* Twining a Round Base
- \* Leather Handled Tote Strapping
  - \* Singeing Tutorial
- \* Shaping the Sides of a Basket
  - \* Double Lashing
  - \* Clip and Tuck
  - \* Weaving the Locking Row
  - \* Laying out a Filled Base

Visit her website at www.joannascollections.com

A shaker cheese basket is a unique pattern that has always baffled me. The loosely spaced open design looks like a weavers nightmare. But this YouTube 30 minute video by Johannah West will walk you through it in very nicely done detail.



Ever wondered how to make a <u>ribbed potato</u> <u>basket</u>? The instruction on this page will walk even the beginner through it. Please note that you may have to allow Google to translate from French to English - but the pictures alone are perfect!



Let your everyone know you that you love baskets! Perfect for the tip for a restaurant server (use more than a \$1 bill please :o), the tooth fairy, or just to make someone smile.



What a cute idea! The YouTube video link with instruction is HERE.

Every supply, pattern, tool, book, etc. you can think of is available for purchase at <a href="mailto:BasketWeavingSupplies.com">BasketWeavingSupplies.com</a>! I found these wonderful explanations they have generously shared on YouTube.

I love the look of the "arrow" in a basket - don't you? BasketWeavingSupplies.com posted a YouTube video done by Jennifer Rhodes for Making a Twined Arrow. Now you can learn the technique too! Thanks for a great video tutorial!



Triple Twining also called Three Rod Wale is a basket weaving technique that is very frequently. For the beginning basket weaver it's a bit confusing. This <u>video</u> will help walk you through it.



This vase (Beaded Beauty) has been on my "to do list" for ages! I love this and it looks like such a fun project for a guild meeting. The technique is called "Diamond Weave". You are going to want bookmark this one and put on your to-do-list too!



One of the patterns (and kits) that is offered by <a href="BasketWeavingSupplies.com">BasketWeavingSupplies.com</a> is called the <a href="Nauset Tank Buddy">Nauset Tank Buddy</a>. <a href="French Randing">French Randing</a> can be used with your short pieces of reed scraps and this is a perfect basket to sell at your next show.



Chances are that you love all baskets - not just those woven with reed. One type of basket that I also really like is rope coiled. While this is not technically "weaving" it still gives you a functional container that can be used and enjoyed. There are unlimited options for choices in both rope or cording as well as color and accent adornment. For those of you who also like this type of basket, here are two tutorials on creating a coiled basket. The first one (and in my opinion, most definitely the strongest) uses a zigzag stitch on your sewing machine. The second one uses a simple glue gun that we all have in our craft box. Hope you enjoy!



We All Sew by Juliette Lanvers





#### **WEAVING EVENTS**

#### FEBRUARY, 2016

5th - 7th: Georgia Basketry Association's Annual Convention "Baskets with Friends" in Marietta, Georgia. <a href="https://www.georgiabasketry.com">www.georgiabasketry.com</a>

14th - 20th: Basket Weaving Cruise leaving Port Everglades in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida aboard the Celebrity Silhouette ship and stopping in Puerto Rico, St. Kitts, and St. Maarten. www.basketweavingcruise.com

26th - 28th: Wildwood Basketry Guild's "Winter Weave" in Mentor, Ohio. winterweave.com

#### **MARCH, 2016**

3rd-5th: "Woven Together" Western Kentucky Basket Weaver's Retreat at Rough River State Resort Park in Falls of Rough, Kentucky. <a href="https://www.shutterfly.com/2016retreat">wtwky.shutterfly.com/2016retreat</a>

17th - 20th: NCBA Convention "Dream Weavers" in Durham, North Carolina. www.ncbasketmakers.com

18th - 20th: LABG Retreat in at Camp Stevens in Julian, California. www.labasketryguild.org

#### **APRIL, 2016**

2nd-3rd: LLBWA Spring Fling at Palos Park, Illinois <u>Ilbwa.com/events</u>

8th -9th: Wolf River Basketry Guild Spring Workshop in Shawano, Wisconsin. www.wolfriverbasketryguild.com

14th - 16th: Stateline Friends Weaving Retreat in Richmond, Indiana. www.statelinefriends.com

15th - 17th: "Weavin' Up North 2016" at the Finnish Language Village Salolampi in Bemidgi, Minnesota. <a href="mailto:nationalbasketry.org/events">nationalbasketry.org/events</a>

#### **JUNE, 2016**

10th-12th: "Weave In" with Upper South Carolina Basket Makers Guild. www.orgsites.com

24th-26th: "Weavin' In Winona" in Winona, Minnesota. www.mbwg.org/events

#### **JULY, 2016**

TBA: Kentucky Basket Associations 20th Convention. www.kentuckybasketassociation.org

20th-23rd: Tennessee Basketry Convention in Alcoa, TN. Contact Fran Sorrell at 901-409-8649 or fwsorrell@ael.com. <a href="https://www.tennesseebasketryassociation.org">www.tennesseebasketryassociation.org</a>

#### **AUGUST, 2016**

4th-7th: Missouri Basketweavers Guild 25th Annual Convention. www.basketweavers.org

25th-27th: Heritage Basketry Guild Fall Weave Retreat in Dayton, OH www.heritagebasketryguild.com

#### SEPTEMBER, 2016

9th-11th: Camp Tuck-A-Basket in Normal, Illinois. Ilbwa.com/events

TBA: Columbia Basin Basketry Guild in Oregon. www.basketryguild.org

15th-18th: Weaving Odyssey in Central Pennsylvania. basketry.homestead.com

23rd-25th: Wolf River Basketry Guild Fall Workshop in Shawano, Wisconsin. www.wolfriverbasketryguild.com

#### **OCTOBER, 2016**

19th-23rd: Michigan Basketweavers Annual Convention "Weavers Wonderland". www.michiganbasketmakers.com/events

TBA: Oklahoma's Basketweavers Guild 17th Annual Weavers Weekend.

There are many guilds, weaving groups, and clubs across the country. There might be one near you.

To see a listing of guilds by state with contact and convention information, please refer to this listing provided by The Country Seat. Click here.



## Pattern Library - Available in my Etsy Shop Clicking on any basket name will connect you to the pattern listing.





"<u>Makayla</u>"



<u>"Wyoming"</u>



<u>"Yasmine"</u>



"Cassie"



<u>"Sue</u>"



"<u>Harbor</u>"



"Gabbie"



"Kelsey"



"Jaclyn"



<u>"Zoey</u>"



"<u>Fíona</u>"



"<u>Darcy</u>"



"<u>Adele</u>"



"<u>Betsy</u>"



"<u>Mary</u>"



"Gloría"



"Patsy"



"<u>Olívía</u>"



<u>"Valeríe</u>"



"<u>Randa</u>"



"Lucy"



"<u>Reba</u>"



"<u>Isabella</u>"

"<u>Jenna</u>"