

AMISH BASKET WORKSHOP



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This is my version of an Amish Basket I made in a class many years ago. This workshop will explore intermediate splintwoven basketry techniques. You will learn how to construct a basket that incorporates square hoop handles as part of the basket structure. The basket will be finished with a traditional lashed rim and will have swing handles that you will construct, including setting some copper rivets.

Design is a personal thing, and I always try to encourage participants to consider design options before they begin the project. I will have examples available to view and we will talk about design as you plan your basket. I will have dyed reed available in a variety of colors for those who wish to include a color accent. I will also have available a natural walnut dip as a finishing touch for your basket at the end of the day. If time allows, we will also dye some reed in class.

Basket kits will be prepared for you ahead of time, so we can get started weaving early in the day.

Workshop cost includes materials.

What you need to bring:

- 2 dozen pinch-type clothespins
- Scissors
- Long slender screwdriver
- Pencil
- Measuring tape
- Needle nose pliers (small spring-type works best)
- Utility knife
- Old towels
- Dishpan
- Sandpaper

The only other thing to bring is your enthusiasm for learning. Wear clothing that can get messy.

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