



## *My Own Tote* By Pat Christman

*My Own Tote* is a small but versatile basket that you can use to carry lots of things, weaver's tools, lunch, or snacks on the family trip. I made one for my sister-in-law and she uses it to carry her lunch & a paperback to work. With different shaker tape and different combinations of dyed spokes and weavers, you can definitely make this *Your Own Tote*.

### MATERIALS

7 spokes - 22" long 5/8" FF  
5 spokes - 25" long 5/8" FF  
2 yards of 1" Shaker tape  
4 rows - 1/2" FF  
1 row - 3/8" FF (rim row)  
rim - 1/2" FO  
weavers - use either 1/4" FO, 1/4" FF, or  
1/2" FF  
rim filler - round reed or sea grass  
lasher - waxed linen or cane

### BASE

Layout the 5 - 25" vertical spokes.  
Mark the center of the middle spoke.

Mark the center of 1 of the 22" horizontal spokes.

Match the centers of the middle spokes.

Space the remaining 6-22" spokes (3 on each side of the middle).

The base should measure 5" X 9".  
Turn up the spokes.

### WEAVING

Weaving is START/STOP.  
Weave 2 rows with 1/2" FF (starter rows)  
Add enough weavers (of choice) to  
measure 3" above the starter rows.  
Add 2 rows 1/2" FF  
Add 1 row 3/8" FF (rim row)

Pack weavers.  
Cut & tuck the spokes.

Measure the Shaker tape  
Fit under 1 or 2 bottom spokes.  
Leave handles at desired length.

Attach Shaker tape (BE SURE Shaker tape is under the rim)

Attach rim - lashing with choice of waxed linen or cane.

REMINDER: If you want to stain your tote, do it before you attach the Shaker tape.

ENJOY!!