



Shaping the Basket Walls

1. To begin shaping the flared walls of your basket. First bring the next coil up so that it sits right on top of the outermost coil of the basket bottom, as shown in the photo above. Don't try to bring the coil up gradually. Plain-stitch one

complete coil, stopping at the starting point.

2. To make the basket walls flare outward, position each coil so that it rests just slightly to the outside of the one beneath it (see Figure 13). As you take each stitch in these coils, gently push the needles outward so that they don't rest directly on top of the coil beneath. Continue in this fashion until you have stitched a total of five coils and have reached the starting point.

Finishing Off the Rim

3. To create an even upper rim for your basket, you must taper the loose pine needles of the sixth (and last) coil in order to blend the ends of this coil with the coil beneath. Begin stitching the sixth coil, but stop adding needles when you're about 4" (10.2cm) from the starting point. Take another stitch or two but don't add any more needles to the gauge. Hold the basket at eye level to sight across the rim at the starting point and take note of this point at the rim; this is where your last coil must taper flat.

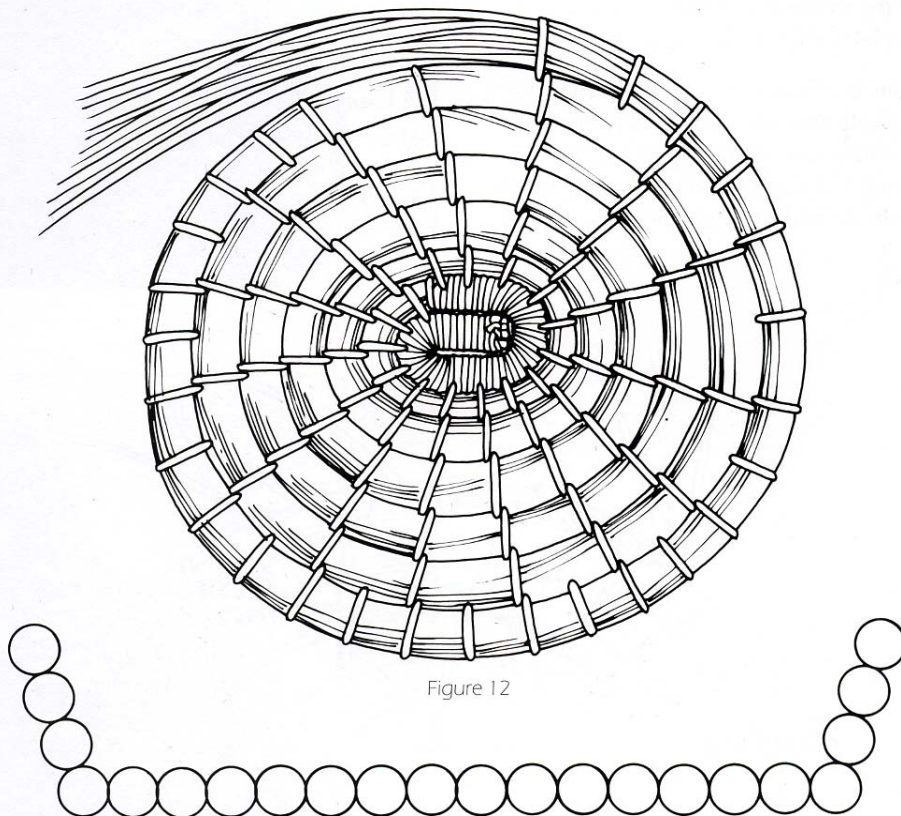


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Figure 13