Round Basket Weaving

PROCEDURE

Make the Frame:

1. Bundle 6 wires together.

2. Bend 1/2 of the 6th wire into an “L”. Use this protruding wire to wrap a “knot” at the center of the bundle.

3. Spread wires out to make an 11-legged frame. (Odd number of legs needed for alternating pattern when moving in a circle.)

Weave:

4. Trap one end of yarn under end of “knot” wire, then wrap yarn around knot 2-3 times.

   Weave yarn over the closest leg, under the next one, over the next, etc.

   Continue in a spiral around the knot. Pull strips snug.

5. To add new yarn, overlap the new end with the old end for 3-4 wires, weaving them together along the frame.

   When weaving (bottom of basket) is about 2” in diameter, begin bending wires up to form the sides,

   Continue weaving over/under until desired size.

To Finish:

6. Double knot the end of the final yarn onto the row below.

   Bend the frame wires to stop yarn from slipping off. Cut, shape, or add beads to excess wire.
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RESOURCES

American Indian Baskets, The Eddie Basha Collection (2:32)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tO7gclqWuzs

Carlos Herrera Demonstrates Pueblo Basket Weaving (23:16)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__mzqSMitRU

Native American Baskets (8:04)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CECe-9fr_s0&t=161s

Recycled Re-Seen: Folk Art from the Global Scrap Heap,
by Charlene Cerney and Suzanne Seriff, eds.

Quick and Easy Blackberry Bramble Basket, Paco Warabi (13:55)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpF9Wu81uZc

Weaving a Round Reed Basket, Kamile Cavaun (8:57)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLkj73F4fP8