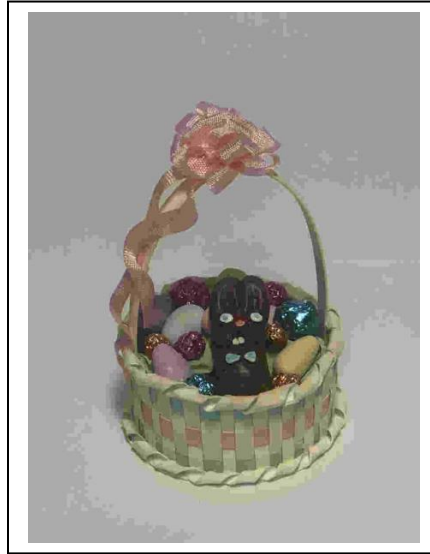


# Easter Basket

*Cat Wingler 2022, for the Create site*



This little 1” scale Easter Basket is easy to make, I made them in three different sizes, two of them were woven using colored strips and one was made plain white and painted. The sizes given in the pattern sheet are for the large basket in the center. You can change the size by changing the diameter of the circle. You can use the plastic eggs and bunnies from the hobby store or make your own. Wrapped in cellophane or not, ribbons or not. The beauty of making your own is the total freedom to choose colors, sizes and embellishments.



Cat

## **Materials**

1 sheet of card stock

Paint in your choice of colors, I used ivory for the base and handle, pastels pink, green and blue to weave

## **Optional**

Piece of light green tissue paper or Easter grass

Small plastic bunny and eggs,

scraps of colored foils from Easter candy

Ribbon

Clear plastic wrap

## **Tools**

Tacky glue

Tape

Paper scissors and tweezers

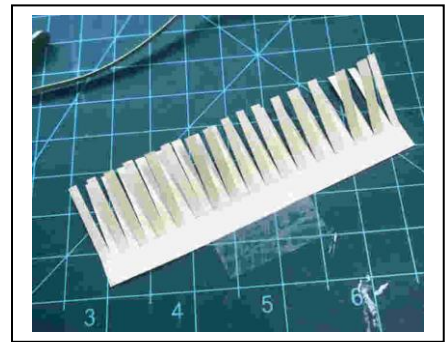
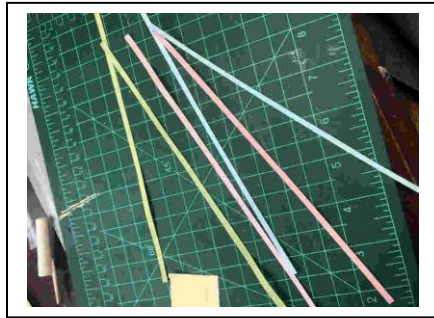
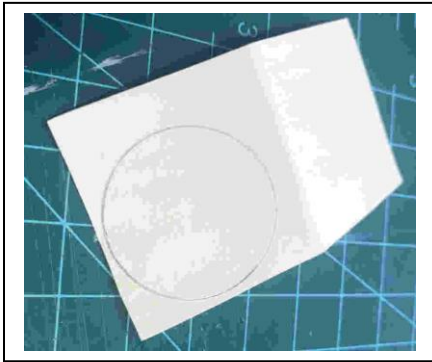
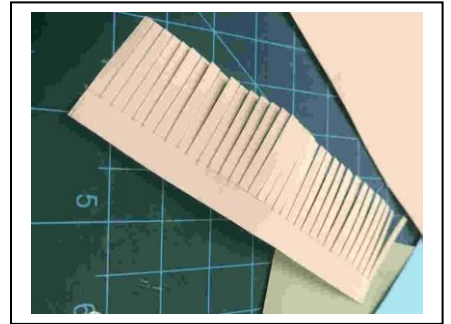
Waxed paper to work on

## Instructions

Cut the card stock according to the diagram. See the pattern page  
Paint both sides of the card stock in what ever colors you choose.. The large piece is to be painted in your base color

Cut the base pattern out of the base color. Mark  $\frac{1}{4}$ " up from bottom and make a line. Cut the fringe, roughly  $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide.

Fold and mark the circle pattern. Paint the back of the folded card stock with Tacky Glue and when it's dry, cut out the circle. Fold and glue the handle pattern and cut the handle. I cut mine a touch larger than  $\frac{1}{8}$ : but that simply a matter of taste, it can be any width you like.

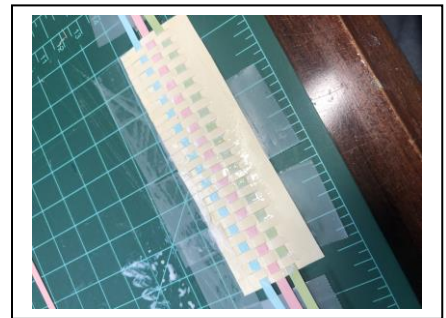
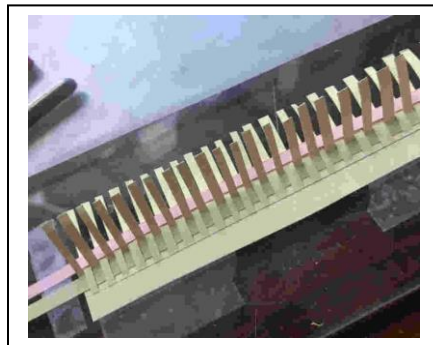
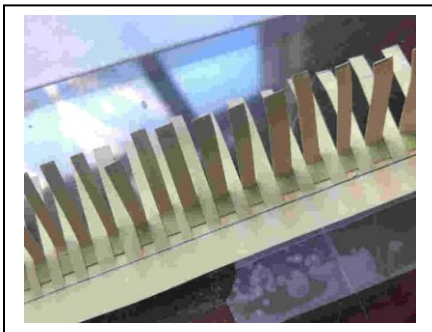


Cut 2 strips the entire length of the paper by  $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide.

Cut a strip about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch wide and the entire length of the paper from each of the other colors. Save the scraps, you may want to make another basket, lol.

I found it easier to weave the basket if I taped down the base. Use the tweezers to lift every other piece of the fringe.

Slide the bottom color in taking care to tuck it as tight as you can. I found it helpful to tape down one end when I got it started and then tape the other end when it was all tucked down.



Use your tweezers to lift the opposite fringe pieces and tuck in the second color, taping the ends as before. Repeat for the thirds color. After you get the third color tucked down neatly tape the ends and tape down the top of the fringe

Paint the entire weave lightly with tacky glue, using enough glue to hold it but not enough to push through to the other side. Fold the flap up on the piece marked inner so it doesn't glue down, then paint the rest of the piece with glue and place it onto the weave. It should cover the colored strips plus a little above and below. Let it dry.

When its dry pick it up and trim the weave (do NOT cut the flap away) at the top of the top color and the



bottom of the bottom color. Discard the scraps.

Roll it into a circle, put glue onto the flap, match the color strips as closely as possible, and glue it together. Glue it onto the circle. There should be a tiny ledge all around the bottom.

Bend the Handle to shape and glue the ends of the handle into the inside of the basket.

You should have 2 strips of the base color. Twist them the entire length of the strip. Twist them tightly but not so tight as to cause the strip to break. I found it easiest to just start them and then just roll them with my fingers. Glue one strip all around the base on the ledge and the other all around the top of the basket wall.

Your basket is finished and ready to fill and decorate.

