

# MAGAZINE & BOOK BASKET



## YOU WILL NEED:

- 1/2" Gauge Hardware Cloth
- 1 10" wood circle
- 1 10" embroidery hoops
- 3 Wooden Paint Sicks
- Hand Stapler and 3/8" Staples
- Hot Glue Gun and Glue Sticks
- Jute Twine, String, or Bailing Twine
- Safety Glasses
- Scissors
- Thick Sisal Rope
- Wire Cutters
- Work Gloves



## STEP 1



## STEP 2



## STEP 3



### 01

Cut your piece of hardware cloth to fit whatever size circle, or base, you have. To find this measurement, take the radius of your circle – in this case, 10" – and multiply it by pi. The value you get will be the measurement of how long you need to make your hardware cloth. In this case of this tutorial, that value was 31" but you want to round to the nearest clean edge of your hardware cloth. For the height, you can make it as short or tall as you desire. The basket in this tutorial is 12" high.

NOTE: When cutting your hardware cloth, make sure you leave pointed ends/fringe in tact on one of the longest sides. You will need these points to bend around your circle base.

### 02

Roll your piece of hardware cloth into a circle. Using twist ties, twist along the seam to make it easier to hold together while working. Weave the jute between the two ends and tie it off in a knot at the top.

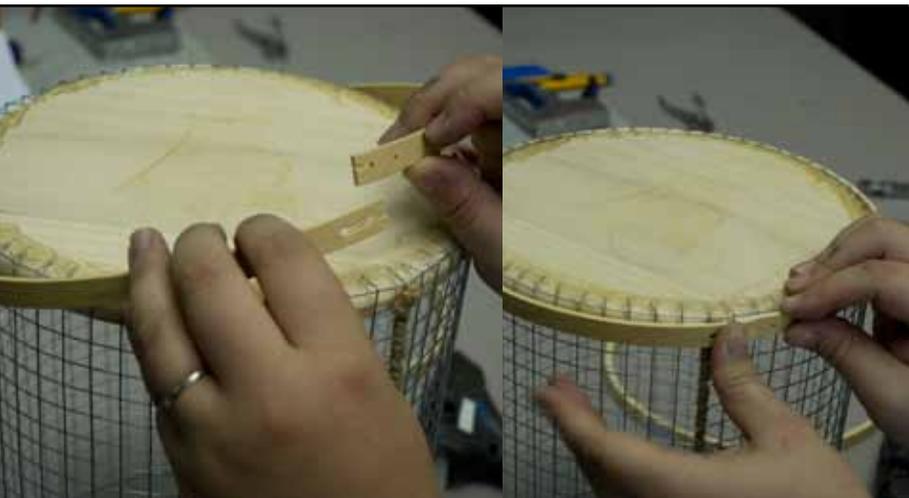
### 03

Insert your base into your wire tube and press it down to the bottom. It should be a snug fit. Flip your basket over so the base is on top. Notice the pointed ends of the wire you left when you were cutting out your hardware cloth.

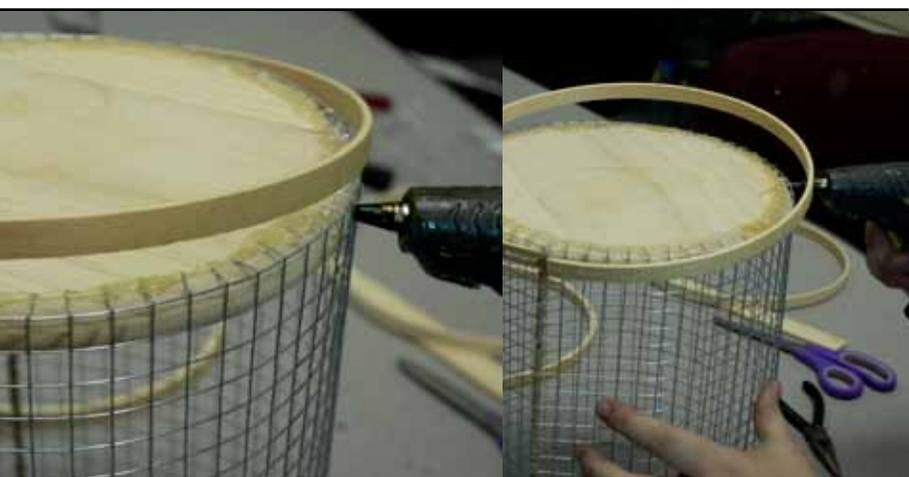
## STEP 4



## STEP 5



## STEP 6



### 04

Apply a liberal amount of hot glue over the pointed edges of the wire to hold them in place, careful not to apply too much, or you will have a pile of glue that will start to run down your basket and cause a mess. Hot glue drips easily.

Apply the hot glue in small sections at a time so you can smooth the glue over (a paint stick is useful for this) to make it less bumpy.

### 05

To make the rim, take the embroidery ring with the tightener on it and remove the tightener by snapping it off. Place the opening of the hoop over the jute seam.

### 06

Doing half of the hoop at a time, place drops of hot glue on the side of your base so the rim has something to adhere to. Doing half sections will ensure that your glue remains warm and will hold the rim better to the base.

## STEP 7



## STEP 8



## STEP 9



### 07

Stretch the inner embroidery hoop over the top. The hoop should fit snugly enough as to where there was no leeway for it to move out of place. If needed, repeat step 6 for the top rim.

### 08

Staple your 12" painter sticks to the top and bottom rims. This gives the basket stability and will be covered by the handle.

### 09

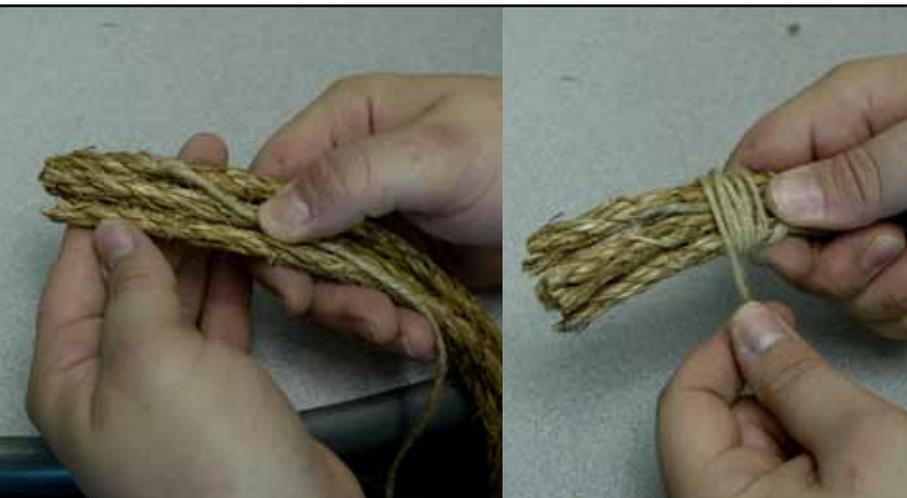
Measure a piece of sisal that will fit around your top and bottom rims. Hot glue it in place just underneath the rim. Once again, be careful not to use too much hot glue or it will drip.

You can either wrap the jute over the top of your painter sticks, or cut it as shown.

## STEP 10



## STEP 11



## STEP 12



### 10

After gluing down the jute, you will notice that you still see the top of the seam you created in Step 2. Cut a small scrap of jute and hot glue it on top of it to hide it.

### 11

Cut your sisal into three separate strips that are the same length. The length of your rope should be exactly how much you need to go from the bottom of one side to the other side, making an arch over the top of the basket rather than wrapping around the bottom. This will be the handle.

Take jute string and wrap it around the ends as shown, keeping the sisal flat and side by side. Tie the ends of the string together or place a few dabs of hot glue on the end of the string so it stays in place.

### 12

Using a ruler, mark off the third painter stick so you have equal sized sections.

## STEP 13



## STEP 14



## STEP 15



### 13

Using a hand saw, wood cutter, or tool of your choice, cut your painters stick on the tick marks you made.

### 14

Using two sections of cut painters sticks, hot glue each one into the middle of your three-strunged sisal piece, making a sandwich with the sisal and the painter stick. This will be the top part of handle, so it should be as centered and even as possible.

### 15

Using the same process in Step 11, wrap some burlap string around each end of the handle for a decorative element. Make sure the glued or tied side is facing down when you go to glue your final handle on so you don't see it.

## STEP 16



## STEP 17



## STEP 18



### 16

Apply hot glue to one of the sections and place the three-stringed sisal piece you assembled in step 11 on top. You should be placing the section of wood near the end of your three-stringed jute piece. Repeat this for the other side so each end of your jute piece has a wood section on it.

### 17

Apply hot glue to the other side of the sections that you placed near the end of your jute piece and place them on the bottom rim of the basket as shown. This will adhere your handle to the basket.

### 18

Fill your basket with newspapers, magazines, books, or whatever else you desire!