

Lent 4: God's Steadfast Love

Date: 22nd March, 2009
For God so loved the world

Reading: John 3: 14-21:

Woven Heart Basket

Difficulty level: fiddly – for older children

You will need:

- ♦ 2 pieces of paper 3 times as long as wide; 2 different colours, e.g. one white, one red
- ♦ ruler, pencil, scissors

Dimensions of paper:

I used a strip the length of an A4 sheet which measured 29.7cm long X 9.9cm wide. This meant:

- ♦ the square (see step##) was 9.9cm square
- ♦ the width of each of the strips (see step##) was 3.3cm
- ♦ the radius of the half circle (see step##) was 4.95cm.

However, if you want a smaller basket, use any length of paper that is easily divisible by 3, to make the calculations simple. e.g. a strip 18cm X 6cm will give you:

- ♦ a 6cm X 6cm square
- ♦ 3cm radius of the circle
- ♦ and strips 2cm wide.



What to do:

1. Cut your two strips of paper. See diagram for correct positioning of the fold, the lines and semi-circle, and where to cut. Follow the instructions for each piece of paper.
2. Fold in half.
3. Rule a line to make a square based on the folded end.
4. At the other end draw a half circle.
5. From the fold, divide the square into three equal strips.
6. Cut the curved edge of the semi-circle.
7. Cut along the 2 lines from the fold to the other edge of the square.

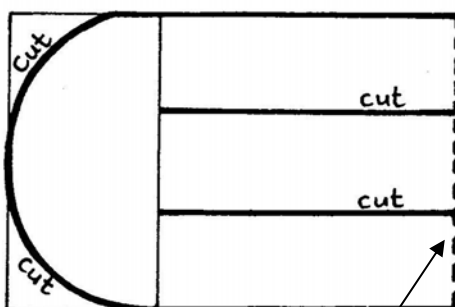
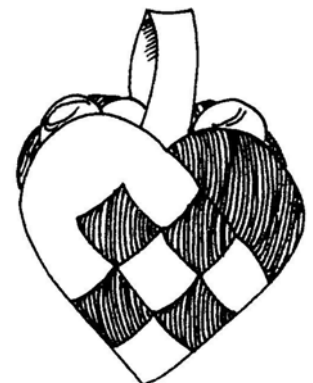
To weave both pieces together:

(This is tricky so children may need a bit of help with this. Practice beforehand to make sure you know how to do it.) Essentially you weave each square individually.

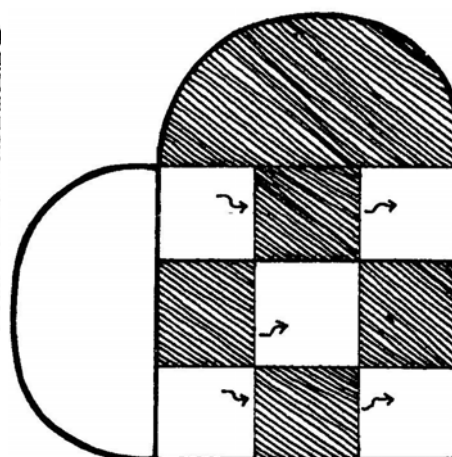
1. Place the red piece on top of the white piece so the semi-circles are at right angles and it looks like the shape of a heart.
2. Take the red strips one at a time, weaving one complete red strip through and around each white strip in turn, then do the second red strip, then the third:
 - ♦ Start with the red strip nearest the white semicircle and the white strip nearest the red semicircle.
 - ♦ The red strip goes through the middle of the first white strip (i.e. between the two pieces of paper that make up the first white strip).
 - ♦ Next the centre white strip goes through the middle of the red strip (between the two red pieces of paper).
 - ♦ Finally the end of the red strip goes between the two parts of the third /outside white strip.
3. Take the second red strip and weave it the opposite way to the first one:
 - ♦ the first white strip goes through the middle of the red strip
 - ♦ then the red strip goes through the centre white strip
 - ♦ and finally the outside white strip goes through the end of the red strip.
4. The third red strip follows the pattern of the first one.

When woven correctly, the heart should open up in the middle as a basket to put sweets, flowers or a small gift in.

5. Cut an extra strip of paper for a handle.



Folded edge



See also

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Light has come into the world: Tealight crafts

Use also for **Lent 5: Psalm 51: 1-12**
(Create in me a clean heart)

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