

2016 Christmas Tree

Materials:

6" base tree trunk with wire form attached

3/16 flat oval

Berries

- Cut 7 spokes at 15" from 3/16 flat oval and insert into base in between each of the metal spokes. There will be two spokes in between two metal spokes. This will give you an odd number of spokes.
- Narrow a piece of 3/16 flat oval about 6 inches and begin continuous weave. The entire basket will be woven in this manner.
- It might be helpful to keep your spokes made of reed tucked into the metal tree to keep your cone shape. I pulled the spokes out every so often and tucked into the next higher section as I moved up the tree.
- As you are weaving towards the top two rows of the metal spiral, tuck your spokes made of reed into the inside of the tree. **Now, it will be easier to weave the metal spokes only.** It will be really tight to weave if you skip this step.
- Once you reach the top, it may be necessary to thin the 3/16 flat oval a bit to finish up the last row.
- Place your star and berries and enjoy! 😊
- I stained my tree with my natural walnut stain before adding the berries. This tree could be used throughout the year with different berries and decorations.
- My brother made the base. It is the same size as the metal tree form with a block of wood attached for the "trunk".



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