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 - stapler
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3. Fold on the dotted lines.
4. Bend the sides up to form a box. Bring the overlaps on the outside and staple each one securely.
5. Cut out the handle.
6. Staple the handle on the sides to cover the line where the flags meet.
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Simple Easy Fun

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Teacher Directions

These sweet little baskets are sturdy, simple, and easy to make, and they are strong enough to hold a couple chicken eggs, and plenty of jelly beans or small chocolate eggs. There are three different sets of directions included, coded by color:

- **Preschool: Preschool-First Grade**, teacher/student directions page 3
- **Primary: First-Second Grade**, student directions page 4
- **Elementary: Third-Fifth Grade**, student directions page 5

This “Read and Make” activity will give your students practice in creating a product by reading the directions, which will help prepare them for similar standardized testing items.

Preparation:

1. Run off pages 6-7, back to back, on tag or cover stock. Be sure to feed them through the printer correctly—the cutting and folding lines must line up with the outside of the basket. You’ll need one copy per student.
2. Run off page 8 on tag or cover stock, one sided, 1 copy per 4 students. Cut the handles apart and stack them.
3. Shred 9X12 sheets of green construction paper in a paper shredder. You’ll need about 1 sheet for every 2 children. Put the shredded paper in a bag for easy handling.
4. Run off student direction pages (preschool page 3, primary page 4, elementary page 5) on copy paper or tag, single sided. (These are reusable directions so you may wish to run them off on tag or cover stock and laminate them before use.)

Making the Basket:

- Do some research about the history of Easter egg hunts, baskets, or spring celebrations. Then have the class complete this “Read and Make” project as a follow up activity.
- Pass out the copies of the “Bird Nest Basket” directions. Review the directions and then allow students to complete the basket independently as they read and follow the directions. (Younger preschool students may need more direction, and may not be able to follow the written instructions. Use your own judgment.)

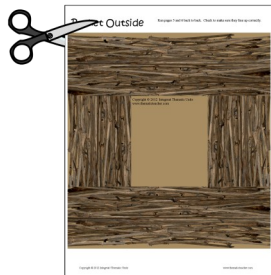
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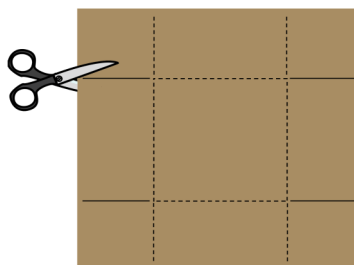
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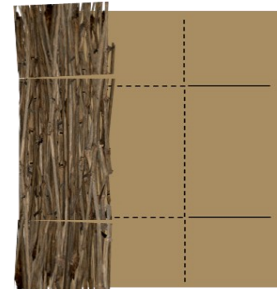
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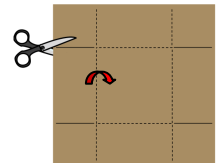
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Basket Outside

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Basket Inside

Run on back of page 6. Check to make sure they line up correctly.

