

## **Basket Illusion Resources**

**Polar Graph Paper:** for designing the patterns:

[www.blackcatsystems.com/software/graphmaker.html](http://www.blackcatsystems.com/software/graphmaker.html)

Free demo version will print a demo watermark on the graph paper or pay a one time fee of \$19.00 to eliminate the watermark.

**Beading Tools:**

[www.d-waytools.com/tools/beading](http://www.d-waytools.com/tools/beading)

available in 1/16", 1/8", 3/16", 1/4", and 3/8"

1/8" and 3/16" are used for this project. Tools come unhandled, I use them unhandled

**Sanding:** from Klingspor

4" sanding mop for cleaning up the beads – 180 and 320 grit – 1/4" flutter sheets and a mandrel. When you get good at using the beading tool you probably won't need these

[www.woodworkingshop.com/product/fs32240?#.VSPqvYthil](http://www.woodworkingshop.com/product/fs32240?#.VSPqvYthil)

Sandpaper for burning between the beads – from Klingspor – heavyweight paper backed roll of 180 grit

[www.woodworkingshop.com/product/pr98949/#VFmTOWf1ac](http://www.woodworkingshop.com/product/pr98949/#VFmTOWf1ac)

**Burning Pens:**

Detail Master woodburning pens are no longer available. I use the 9C vented pen but they are no longer available.

Optima pyro (PJL Enterprises) is now making a very nice pen, 1/8" pen is 21AEF, 3/16" pen is 21BEF. Call the company and tell them you need a basket illusion pen.

**Colored Ink Marking Pens:**

I prefer Faber Castell Pitt artist pens – these pens use pigmented India ink and are lightfast and archival quality – available at dickblick.com

I use 2 nib sizes "brush" and "superfine" of each color

Colors: Black, Sanquine, Sepia and Red are the main colors that I use but they make at least 8 more colors that have the superfine nib.

Alcohol dye markers (Prismacolor, Sharpie, Copic, etc) may have better color/tip selection but care must be exercised when applying finish. The dyes must be tested to be sure that they do not dissolve with your choice of finish. If it reacts with your finish, the colors will smear. I sometimes use Copic Original markers – 2 pens needed each color – 1 pen with the standard fine nib and the other with the optional superfine nib. Available at dickblick.com. Note – alcohol markers may be permanent, but they are not lightfast.

### **Scalpel:**

For fixing a mistake, you can shave away the color with a scalpel. From Ebay or Amazon you can get a box of 100 scalpel blades and a handle. I prefer a #11 blade. Be extremely careful using scalpels or your pieces will have extra red coloring.

### **Pattern Ideas:**

[www.basketsfromafrica.com](http://www.basketsfromafrica.com)

[www.tangozuluimports.com](http://www.tangozuluimports.com)

[www.rivertradingpost.com](http://www.rivertradingpost.com)

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