## Weave a Yarn Basket



Neal Thomas oak baskets

For over 40 years Neal Thomas has woven sturdy handmade baskets out of white oak.

You can experiment with weaving by making this yarn and paper basket. **1.** Trace the basket spine onto card stock or other heavy paper and cut it out. Punch the hole with a hole punch.

**2.** Measure and cut a 60-inch piece of chunky yarn. Tie a knot at one end.

**3.** Fold the basket "legs" up on the dotted lines until they are perpendicular to the basket bottom.

**4.** Thread the yarn DOWN through the hole in the basket bottom until the knot rests against the hole.

**5.** Weave the yarn up from the bottom of the basket and around the legs, going inside one leg and outside the next, until you run out of yarn.

**6.** Thread the end of the yarn down through the woven basket side.

**7.** Bend down the tops of the legs to create a basket rim.

