

Mitten Basket



Base: 11" Round
Top: 13" Round
Sides: 10"
Handle: Leather Strapping

Materials: 12 pieces @ 38" - 7/8" flat reed (spokes)
60' - #3 round reed (twining)
5 pieces @ 50" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)
12 pieces @ 52" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
6 pieces @ 48" - #4 round reed (twining)
1 piece @ 52" - 7/8" flat reed (weaver)
1 piece @ 52" - 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
2 pieces @ 50" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
1 piece @ 48" - #7 round reed (rim filler)
2 pieces @ 10' - 11/64" flat reed (lashing)
2 - 12" leather bushel basket handles

Soak all of the spokes and #3 round reed for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides of six - 7/8" spokes and lay them out horizontally in front of you. With a ruler, mark the centers, 3" to the right of center and 3" to the left of center on the six spokes. Lay the marked spokes out in a spokelike design. Begin twining with a long length of the #3 round reed folded not quite in half. The first round of twining should create about a 6" circle. Continue twining for 8 to 10 more rounds until the spaces between the spokes are large enough to add the remaining spokes. Twine in the last 6 spokes and continue until the base measures 10 1/2". Clip the round twiners. Upsett the spokes slightly.

Over and under weave the following rows:

5 rows of 3/8" flat reed, allowing them to flare outward
9 rows of 1/2" flat reed
1 round of #4 round triple rod waling
1 row of 7/8" flat reed
1 round of #4 round triple rod waling
3 rows of 1/2" flat reed
1 row of 3/8" flat reed, (being sure to slip the bushel basket handles in place on opposite sides of the basket)



Fold all of the outside stakes to the inside of the basket and tuck them down into several rows of weaving. Clip the inside stakes flush or a bit below the last row of 3/8" weaving. Fit the inside rim snugly, overlapping about 3". Fit the outside rim on the opposite side from the inside rim and overlap it 3" also. Place the rim filler in between the two rims and **double-lash** everything down tightly with the 11/64" flat reed.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*