

# Teacher's Tote Basket



Base: 5" x 5"  
Top: 5" x 9" Oval  
Sides: 7 1/2"  
Handle: 14"

Materials: 9 pieces @ 25" - 1/2" flat reed (horizontal & vertical stakes)  
1 piece @ 25" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)  
19 pieces @ 32" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)  
2 pieces @ 28" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)  
1 piece @ 26" - #6 round reed (rim filler)  
1 piece @ 6' - 11/64" flat reed (lashing)  
5" x 14" market D handle  
2 wooden tie-on apples

Soak all of the stake pieces and the locking row piece for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides of the stakes and mark the centers. Lay out five stakes horizontally in front of you, rough sides up. Lift stake #'s 2 and 4, and stand the market D handle in the center position underneath the lifted stakes, (and on top of stake #'s 1, 3 and 5). Over and under weave two stakes vertically to the right of center and two more to the left. Square up the base to 4 1/2" x 4 1/2". Weave the locking row around the base. Upsett the stakes.

Over and under weave 19 rows of 3/8" flat reed. As you weave, keep the sides of the basket flat with the handle and allow the ends to flare out gradually. The basket is approximately 9" from end to end when finished.

Fold and tuck all of the outside stakes into several rows of weaving inside the basket. Clip the inside stakes level with the top of the last row of 3/8" weaving. Soak the rim pieces and lasher for several minutes. Fit the inside and outside rims overlapping the ends by about 2 inches. Sandwich the #6 round rim filler between the two rims clipping it on either sides of the handle. **Single-lash** everything tightly making an "X" around each side of the handle.

Tie the pair of apples on one side of the handle. A drop of glue behind the bow will prevent it from coming undone.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*