

# Big Green Basket



Base: 10" x 13"  
Sides: 12 1/2"  
Handle: Hardwood Push-In

Materials:

- 7 pieces @ 43" – 7/8" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 9 pieces @ 40" – 7/8" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 6 pieces @ 21" - 1/2" flat reed (bottom filler pieces)
- 1 piece @ 52" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
- 23 pieces @ 52" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
- 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 oval reed (lasher)
- 1 - 10" span square push-in handle

Soak the stake pieces and bottom filler pieces. Find the rough sides and centers. Lay the 7 - 43" pieces out horizontally in front of you. Lay the 6 filler pieces in between the stakes. Lift horizontal stake #'s 1, 3, 5, and 7, and slide the center vertical stake underneath the four lifted stakes and over the fillers and their stakes. (Always treat the bottom fillers and the stakes in between the fillers as single stakes when over and under weaving.) Weave four vertical stakes to the right of center and four to the left of center. Square up the base to 9 1/2" x 12 1/2". Crisscross fold the ends of the filler pieces and tuck them into the third vertical stake from each end on the bottom of the basket, clipping them to hide under the stake. Over and under weave the 1/4" locking row around the basket base. Upsett the stakes.

Over and under weave the following rows:

- 23 rows - 1/2" flat reed
- 1 row - 3/8" flat reed

Fold and tuck all of the outside stakes into the inside of the basket. Clip the remaining inside stakes flush with the top row of weaving. Slide the tails of the basket handle down into several rows of weaving on opposite sides of the basket. Soak and fit the inside and outside rims. Fit the #7 round rim filler. **Double lash** the rims and filler tightly with the 11/64" flat oval reed lasher.

The basket pictured was then dyed in dark green basket dye. When it was dry it was dipped in light walnut oil stain to give it the aged, weathered appearance.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*