

Black Grungy 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 above was finished by dipping it in medium walnut oil stain. When that was dry it was then sprayed with an oil-based spray paint. While that was still wet, the basket was rubbed with a cloth that had been dipped in boiled linseed oil, giving the appearance of being aged and weathered.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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