

Bottle Tote Basket



Base: 5" x 10"
Sides: 8"
Handle: 14" Market D

Materials:

- 5 pieces @ 33" - 5/8" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 8 pieces @ 28" - 5/8" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 1 piece @ 35" - 3/16" flat reed (locking row)
- 14 pieces @ 36" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
- 1 piece @ 36" - 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
- 8' piece - 1/4" flat reed (divider lasher)
- 2 pieces @ 34" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 32" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
- 1 piece @ 6' - 3/16" flat oval reed (lashing)
- 5" x 14" market D handle

Soak all of the stake pieces and 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 & 4, and stand the market D handle in the center position underneath the lifted stakes, (and on top of stake #'s 1, 3 & 5). Over and under weave four stakes vertically to the right of center and four more to the left. Square up the base to 4 1/2" x 9 1/2". Weave the locking row around the base. Upsett the stakes.

Over and under weave the following rows:

- 14 rows of 1/2" flat reed
- 1 row of 3/8" flat reed

Once the first two rows are woven, begin the divider, (the long piece of soaked 1/4" flat reed), by tucking one end under a 1/2" weaver as it goes around the handle on the inside of the basket. Continue in a figure eight pattern moving to the other side of the handle and around the outside. The 1/2" rows hide the divider. Keep up this pattern as you weave up the sides. As you get up to the top, hide the tail of the 1/4" piece behind a 1/2" row at the handle.

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.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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