

Clothes Pin Basket



Base: 7" x 7"
Sides: 7

Materials: 14 pieces @ 27" - 1/2" flat reed (horizontal & vertical stakes)
1 piece @ 35" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
18 pieces @ 35" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)
2 pieces @ 33" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
1 piece @ 31" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
1 piece @ 7" - 3/16" flat oval reed (lasher)
wire & wooden bail bean pot handle with ears

Soak all of the stake pieces and the locking row piece for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and centers of the stakes. Lay out 7 stakes horizontally in front of you, rough sides up. Over and under weave in 7 vertical stakes. Square up the base to 6 1/2" x 6 1/2". Weave the locking row around the base. Upset the stakes.

Over and under weave 18 rows of 3/8" flat reed allowing the square based basket to round out into a circle.

Position the wire ears 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. (The stakes will tuck over the wire tails of the ears.) Clip the inside stakes flush or a bit below the last row of weaving.

Soak the rim pieces and lasher for several minutes. Fit the inside and outside rims overlapping 3 inches. Sandwich the #6 round reed rim filler between the two rims clipping it on either sides of the handle ears. **Single-lash** everything down tightly with the 3/16" lasher. Bend the ends of the wire handle through the ears.

The basket pictured was dipped in a walnut oil-based stain. It was then painted with a colonial red spray paint.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*