

Easter Shelf Basket



Base: 6 1/2" x 15 1/2"
Sides: 4"
Handle: 10" Market D

Materials: 5 pieces @ 30" – 3/4" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
10 pieces @ 19" – 3/4" flat reed (vertical stakes)
1 piece @ 48" - 1/4" (locking row)
9 pieces @ 52" – 3/8" flat reed (weavers)
2 pieces @ 50" – 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
1 piece @ 48" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
1 piece @ 10' – 1/4" flat reed (lasher)
6" x 10" hardwood market D handle

Soak the stake pieces and bottom filler pieces. Find the rough sides and centers. Lay the 5 - 30" pieces out horizontally in front of you. Lift horizontal stake #'s 2 and 4, and slide the market d handle underneath the two lifted stakes and into the center position. Weave five vertical stakes to the right of center and five to the left of center. Square up the base to 5 1/2" x 15". Weave the locking row around the base. Upsett the stakes.

Over and under weave 9 rows of 3/8" flat reed. 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 3 inches. Sandwich the #6 round reed rim filler between the two rims clipping it on either sides of the handle. **Single-lash** everything down tightly, making an "X" around each side of the handle.

The basket pictured above was dipped in water-based GOLDEN OAK woodworking stain that had been diluted down (1 part stain to 1 part water). Once the basket was completely dry, the rim was taped off and then the basket was sprayed light coats of Rustoleum 2X Painter's Touch.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*