

Katelyn's Shaker Basket



Base: 7" x 10 1/2"
Sides: 6 1/2"
Handle: 14"

Materials: 5 pieces @ 28" - 3/4" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
4 pieces @ 18" - 5/8" flat reed (bottom fillers)
7 pieces @ 24" - 3/4" flat reed (vertical stakes)
1 piece @ 40" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
3 pieces @ 40" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)
60' - 1/4" flat or flat oval reed (weavers)
2 pieces @ 36" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
1 piece @ 34" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
1 piece @ 7 1/2' - 1/4" flat or flat oval reed (lashing)
10" span square push-in handle

Soak the stake pieces and bottom filler pieces. Find the rough sides and centers. Lay the 5 - 28" pieces out horizontally in front of you. Lay the 4 filler pieces in between the stakes. Lift horizontal stake #'s 2 and 4 with their filler pieces, and slide the center vertical stake underneath the two lifted stakes and their fillers. (Always treat the bottom fillers and the stakes in between the fillers as single stakes when over and under weaving.) The center vertical stake will go over the center horizontal stake. Weave three vertical stakes to the right of center and three to the left of center. Square up the base to 6 1/2" x 10". Fold the ends of the filler pieces and tuck them into the third vertical stakes from the ends, clipping them to hide under the stakes. Over and under weave the 1/4" locking row around the stake pieces.

Upsett all of the stakes. Over and under weave two rows of 3/8" flat reed. Split the center vertical stake on one side of the basket in half lengthwise to the row of 3/8" flat weaving. Taper 6" - 8" of the 1/4" flat reed down to half its width. Starting between the split stake, continuous weave 20 rounds splicing in new pieces of 1/4" flat reed as needed. (After 10 rounds of 1/4" weaving, slip the tails of the handle down the inside of the basket to the top of the 6th row to help shape the basket as it is woven.) Taper the last 6" - 8" of the 1/4" flat reed and end one stake to the right of the split stake. Now treating the split stake as one, start and stop weave one last row of 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. Soak and fit the inside and outside rims. Fit the #6 round rim filler. Single lash the rims and filler down tightly with the 1/4" flat oval reed lasher being sure to put an "X" around the handle ends.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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