

Keeping Room Basket



Base: 6" Round
Top: 6 1/2" Round
Sides: 9"
Handle: Leather Strapping

Materials: 8 pieces @ 26" - 5/8" flat reed (spokes)
13' - 1/4" flat reed (weavers)
17 pieces @ 28" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)
2 pieces @ 26" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
1 piece @ 24" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
1 piece @ 9' - 11/64" flat oval reed (lasher)
1 leather handle - 1/2" x 12" riveted

Soak the 8 spoke pieces and the 1/4" flat reed weaver pieces for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and centers of the 8 - 5/8" pieces. Lay the marked spokes out in a clockwise design with the rough sides up. Split the 6 o'clock spoke in half lengthwise to the center of the base. Taper 6" - 8" of the 1/4" flat reed down to half its width. Starting between the split spoke, continuous weave three rounds counter clockwise flat on the table. Now turn the base over and while "cupping" the basket in your hand upside down, weave 5 more rounds, tapering the last 6" - 8" and ending between the split spoke. The basket should now measure 6" across. Treating the split spoke as one, start and stop weave 17 rows of 3/8" flat reed. Be sure to slip the 17th weaver through the leather handle loops at the back of the basket.

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. Fit the inside and outside rims sandwiching the #6 round rim filler in between. **Double-lash** the rims and filler down tightly with the 11/64" flat oval reed lasher.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*