

Large Peg Basket



Base: 3 1/2" x 8" Filled
Sides: 11"
Handle: Hardwood Bushel Basket

Materials:

- 3 pieces @ 34" - 5/8" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 7 pieces @ 29" - 5/8" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 2 pieces @ 15" - 1/2" flat reed (fillers)
- 1 piece @ 28" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
- 20 pieces @ 32" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
- 1 piece @ 32" - 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
- 2 pieces @ 30" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 28" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
- 1 piece @ 10' - 3/16" flat oval reed (lasher)
- 1 - 3 1/2" span bushel basket handle

Soak the stake pieces and bottom filler pieces. Find the rough sides and centers. Lay out 3 - 34" pieces horizontally in front of you. Lay the two filler pieces in between the stakes. Lift the center horizontal stake and the two filler pieces, and slide the center vertical stake **underneath** the center lifted stake and fillers. (The center vertical stake will go **under** the center horizontal stake and fillers.) Now weave three vertical stakes to the right of center and three to the left of center. (Always treat the bottom fillers and the stake in between the fillers as a single stake when over and under weaving.) Square up the base to 3" x 7 1/2". Crisscross fold the ends of the filler pieces and tuck them into the third vertical stake from each end, clipping them to hide under the stake. Over and under weave the 1/4" locking row around the stake pieces. Upsett the stakes.

Over and under weave the following rows:

- 19 rows - 1/2" flat reed
- 1 row - 3/8" flat reed

(The basic shape of this basket is achieved by allowing the first 14 rows of weaving to **gently** flare outward and then **gently** pulling in the last six rows.) With your hands cupped, flatten the back of the basket and let the front bow outward. After the rim is on the basket will retain this shape.

Fold all of the outside stakes to the inside of the basket and tuck them down into several rows of weaving. Clip the inside stakes flush or a bit below the last row of weaving. Slide the tails of the bushel basket handle down into several rows of weaving on the back flat outside of the basket. The notch should be even with the bottom of the last 3/8" row of weaving. Soak the rim pieces and lasher for several minutes. Fit the inside rim overlapping 3 inches. (The inside rim fits inside the notch of the handle.) Fit the outside rim overlapping 3 inches. Sandwich the #6 round reed rim filler between the two rims clipping it on either sides of the handle. **Double**-lash everything down tightly with the 3/16" flat oval reed lasher.

The basket pictured was spray painted with Rustoleum colonial red and then dipped in dark walnut oil-based stain.

Sign and date your basket. Good job!