

Leather Handled Storage Basket



Base: 17½" x 11½"
Top: 18" x 12"
Sides: 8"
Handle: Leather Strapping

Materials: 7 pieces @ 40" - 7/8" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
6 pieces @ 25" - 5/8" flat reed (bottom fillers)
11 pieces @ 32" - 7/8" flat reed (vertical stakes)
1 piece @ 62" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
12 pieces @ 64" - 5/8" flat reed (weavers)
1 piece @ 64" - 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
2 pieces @ 62" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
1 piece @ 60" - #7 round reed (rim filler)
2 pieces @ 12' - 3/16" flat oval reed (lashing)
82" leather loop handle

Soak all of the stake pieces and the locking row piece for several minutes until pliable. Lay the leather loop horizontally on the table with the handle ends on the far right and far left. Mark the center. Find the rough sides and centers of the 40" - 7/8" stakes. Lay out one 40" horizontal stake in between the two leather bottoms, rough side up. Lay another 40" stake ON TOP of the leather above the center stake and one ON TOP of the leather below the center stake. Place the remaining four - 40" horizontal pieces, two above and two below. You now have all seven horizontal stakes laying on the table with the leather loop underneath. Place the six 5/8" filler pieces in between the horizontal stake pieces.



Lift stake numbers 2, 4 and 6 along with the filler pieces. Slide the center vertical stake underneath the lifted stakes & fillers. (Always treat the bottom fillers and the stakes in between the fillers as single stakes when over and under weaving.) Over and under weave in five stakes vertically to the right of the center and five to the left keeping the horizontal stakes and leather loop together. Square up the base to 17" x 11". Crisscross fold the ends of the filler pieces and tuck them into the third vertical stake from each end on the bottom of the basket, clipping them to hide under the stakes. Over and under weave the ¼" locking row around the stake pieces. Upsett the stakes.

Soak the weavers for several minutes. The leather handles will be left flat on the table and not woven into the sides until the last row of 3/8" flat reed. Over and under weave 12 rows of 5/8" flat reed. Clothespin the leather up to the stakes and weave one 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, sandwiching the leather handles between the rims. Fit the #7 round rim filler. **Double-lash** the rims and filler tightly with the 3/16" flat oval reed lasher.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*