

Little Waste Basket



Base: 11 1/2" x 6 1/2"
Sides: 10 1/2"
Handle: leather bushel basket

Materials: 5 pieces @ 40" - 3/4" flat reed (horizontal weavers)
4 pieces @ 20" - 1/2" flat reed (bottom fillers)
9 pieces @ 34" - 3/4" flat reed (vertical weavers)
1 piece @ 42" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
21 pieces @ 44" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
1 piece @ 44" - 3/8" flat reed (weaver)
2 pieces @ 42" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
1 piece @ 39" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
2 pieces @ 8" - 3/16" flat reed (lashing)
2 riveted leather bushel basket handles

Soak all stake pieces for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and centers, and lay out the 5 - 40" stakes horizontally in front of you. Lay the 4 filler pieces in between the stakes. Lift horizontal stake #'s 1, 3, and 5, and slide the center vertical stake **underneath** the three lifted stakes and **over** the fillers and their stakes. (Always treat the bottom fillers and the stakes in between the fillers as single stakes when over and under weaving.) Over and under weave four more stakes to the right of center and four more to the left. Square up the base to 11" x 6". 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. Weave the locking row around the base.

Soak the 1/2" weavers. Over and under weave 21 rows of 1/2" flat reed. Over and under weave the last 3/8" row slipping the bushel basket handles in place on the ends of the basket. Tuck all of the outside stakes to the inside of the basket. Clip the inside stakes flush with the last row of weaving.

Soak the rims, rim filler, and lashing for several minutes. Fit the inside and outside rims overlapping the ends by 2 - 3 inches on opposite sides of the basket. Sandwich the rim filler in between the rims and **double-lash** everything down tightly.

The basket pictured was finished by being dipped in an oil stain (leather handles and all).

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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The ends of each handle come riveted. You slide end of the handle on to the last weaver (row) of the basket, then cut and tuck the spokes and rim as normal.

