

# New England Chairside Basket



Base: 9" x 12"  
Top: 11" x 16"  
Sides: 9"  
Handle: Hardwood Push-In  
Feet: 1" Wooden

Materials: 7 pieces @ 35" - 7/8" flat reed (horizontal stakes)  
9 pieces @ 32" - 7/8" flat reed (vertical stakes)  
1 piece @ 56" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)  
6 pieces @ 58" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)  
8 pieces @ 58" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)  
5 pieces @ 58" - 3/8" flat **dyed** reed (weavers)  
2 pieces @ 54" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)  
1 piece @ 52" - #7 round reed (rim filler)  
2 pieces @ 10' - 11/64" flat reed (lasher)  
1 - 10" span square push-in handle  
4 - 1" wooden feet

Soak all of the stake pieces and the locking row piece for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and centers of the stakes. Lay out the 7 horizontal stakes in front of you, rough sides up. Over and under weave in 9 vertical stakes, beginning by lifting horizontal stake #'s 2, 4 & 6, and slipping the center vertical stake **underneath**. Over and under weave four vertical stakes to the right of the center stake and four more to the left. Square up the base to 8 1/2" x 11 1/2". Weave the locking row around the base. Upsett the stakes slightly. Soak the weavers.

Over and under weave the following rows:  
5 rows - 3/8" flat reed  
8 rows - 1/2" flat reed  
5 rows - 3/8" flat **dyed** reed  
1 row - 3/8" flat reed

(After weaving the third row, insert the four feet into the bottom corner positions as shown in the above picture. This will help in shaping the basket as you continue weaving.)

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. Slide the tails of the basket handle down into several rows of weaving. Soak and fit the inside and outside rims. Sandwich the #7 round reed rim filler between the rims. **Double-lash** the rims and filler down tightly with the 11/64" flat reed lasher.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*