

# Oval Storage Basket



Base: 10" x 16"

Top: 15" x 20" Oval

Sides: 8"

Handles: Leather Bushel Basket

Materials:

- 7 pieces @ 36" - 7/8" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 6 pieces @ 24" - 1/2" flat reed (bottom fillers)
- 11 pieces @ 30" - 7/8" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 1 piece @ 58" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
- 14 pieces @ 62" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
- 1 piece @ 62" - 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
- 2 pieces @ 60" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 58" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
- 1 piece @ 12' - 3/16" flat oval reed (lashing)
- 2 heavy-duty leather bushel basket handles

Soak the stakes and locking row for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and centers of the stakes. Lay the 7 - 36" stake pieces horizontally in front of you rough sides up. Lay the six filler pieces in between the stakes. Lift horizontal stake #'s 2, 4 and 6, and all of the filler pieces. Slide a vertical stake underneath the three lifted stakes and their fillers into the center position. (Always treat the bottom fillers and the stakes in between the fillers as single stakes when over and under weaving.) Over and under weave five stakes vertically to the right of center and five more to the left. Square up the base to 9 1/2" x 15 1/2". 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 stake. Over and under weave in the 1/4" locking row. Upsett the stakes.

Over and under weave 14 rows of 1/2" flat reed and one row of 3/8" flat reed, (being certain to slip 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. Place the rim filler in between the rims and **single-lash** everything down tightly with the 3/16" flat reed lasher.

The basket pictured above was finished by dipping it in medium walnut oil stain. When that was dry it was then spray painted with a satin canyon black paint. While the black paint was still wet, the basket was rubbed with a cloth that had been dipped in boiled linseed oil, giving the appearance of being aged and weathered.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*