

Patriot Storage Basket



Base: 13" x 13"
Top: 18" Round
Sides: 9"
Handles: Leather

Materials:

- 22 pieces @ 36" - 3/4" flat reed (horizontal & vertical stakes)
- 1 piece @ 56" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
- 5 pieces @ 62" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
- 7 pieces @ 62" - 1/2" flat **dyed red** reed (weavers)
- 1 piece @ 62" - 2" maple veneer **dyed blue** (weaver)
- 1 piece @ 66" - 3/8" flat reed (weaver)
- 2 pieces @ 64" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 62" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
- 2 pieces @ 10' - 1/4" flat oval reed (lashing)
- 2 - 11" leather bushel basket handles

Soak all of the stake pieces and the locking row piece for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and centers of the 3/4" stakes. Lay out 11 stake pieces horizontally in front of you, rough sides up. Over and under weave in 11 stakes vertically. Square up the base to 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". Weave the 1/4" locking row around the base. Upsett the stakes. Over and under the following rows:

- 1 row - 1/2" flat **dyed red** reed
- 1 row - 1/2" flat reed
- (repeat these two rows four more times)
- 1 row - 1/2" flat **dyed red** reed
- 1 row - 2" **dyed navy blue** poplar, maple or oak strip
- 1 row - 1/2" flat **dyed red** reed
- 1 row - 3/8" flat reed (be certain to slip the bushel basket handles in place on opposite sides of the basket).

Tuck the outside stakes down into several rows of weaving inside the basket. Clip the inside stakes flush or a bit below the last row of weaving. Slip the tails of the bushel basket handles down into several rows of weaving on opposite sides of the basket. The notches of the handles should be level with the bottom of the last 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.

Hand paint or stencil small white stars all around the basket on the oak veneer row of weaving.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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