

Primitive Shelf Basket



Base: 5" x 20 ½"
Top: 5" x 23"
Sides: 5"
Handle: 14" Market D

Materials: 5 pieces @ 36" – 5/8" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
18 pieces @ 21" – 5/8" flat reed (vertical stakes)
1 piece @ 58" – ¼" flat (locking row)
8 pieces @ 60" – ½" flat reed (weavers)
1 piece @ 60" – 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
2 pieces @ 58" – 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
1 piece @ 56" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
1 piece @ 11' – 1/4" flat oval reed (lasher)
5" x 14" hardwood market D handle

Soak the stake pieces and bottom filler pieces. Find the rough sides and centers. Lay the 5 - 36" pieces out horizontally in front of you. Lift horizontal stake #'s 2 & 4, and slide the market d handle underneath the two lifted stakes. Weave nine vertical stakes to the right of center and nine to the left of center. Square up the base to 4½" x 20". Weave the ¼" locking row around the base. Upsett the stakes.

Over and under weave 8 rows of ½" flat reed and one row of 3/8" flat reed. Tuck all of the outside stakes into several rows of weaving inside the basket. Clip the inside stakes level with the top of the last row of 3/8" weaving.

Soak the rim pieces and lasher for several minutes. Fit the inside and outside rims overlapping the ends by about 3 inches. Sandwich the #6 round reed rim filler between the two rims clipping it on either sides of the handle. **Single-lash** everything down tightly, making an "X" around each side of the handle.

The basket pictured was then spray painted with Rustoleum heritage white. While the paint was still slightly damp, the whole basket was dipped in Minwax special walnut. The final result is a shabby chic/grungy appearance.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*