

Stair Step Basket



Base: 5 1/2" x 7 1/2"

Top: 6" x 15"

Sides: 14 1/2"

Handle: 20" hardwood

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 6" x 20" hardwood market D handle
- 5 pcs @ 48" – 5/8" flat reed (**horizontal stakes**)
- 3 pcs @ 40" – 5/8" flat reed (**vertical stakes**)
- 2 pcs @ 40" – 5/8" flat **dyed** reed (**vertical stakes**)
- 1 pc – 1/4" flat reed (**locking row**)
- 12 pcs @ 34" – 5/8" flat reed (**weavers**)
- 5 pcs @ 26" – 5/8" flat reed (**vertical stakes for step section**)
- 7 pcs @ 48" – 5/8" flat reed (**weavers**)
- 2 pcs @ 48" – 1/2" flat **dyed** reed (**accent weavers**)
- 1 pc @ 48" - 3/8" flat reed (**weaver**)
- 1 pc @ 48" – 3/8" flat reed (**last/top weaver**)
- 2 pcs @ 46" – 5/8" flat oval reed (**inside & outside rims**)
- 1 pc @ 44" – #6 round reed (**rim filler**)
- 1 pc @ 9' – 1/4" reed (**lasher**)

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Familiarize yourself with the tutorials linked in the QR codes. Each one will help you on that given step.
- Gather scissors, clothespins, ruler and a pencil.
- Set aside 2-3 hours.

Step-by-Step Instructions

1 LAYING OUT THE BASE

Soak the five horizontal 48" stakes, the five vertical 40" stakes, and the 1/4" locking row for several minutes until pliable.

Find the rough side of the stakes (slightly textured side). Mark the center of each 48" horizontal stake.

Lay the five 48" stakes horizontally in front of you, rough sides up, evenly spaced.

Lift horizontal stakes **#1, #3, and #5**.

Slide the handle under the lifted stakes, positioning it on top of the center marks.

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Over-and-under weave the five 40" vertical stakes through the horizontal stakes. *See the picture for placement of **dyed** stakes.*

Important: Position all five 40" vertical stakes to the **RIGHT** of the handle center.

Square the woven base area to **5 1/2" x 7"**.

Over-and-under weave one row of 1/4" flat reed around the base as a locking row.

Upset the stakes by giving them a crisp fold at the base edge.

3 WEAVING THE LOWER PORTION

Soak the 34" weavers.

Weave 12 rows around the entire perimeter of the lower portion. (The handled will be offset and act as the corner stakes on one side.

Keep the stakes very parallel so the basket remains flat and straight as it goes up.

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5 WEAVING THE UPPER PORTION

Soak the remaining reed pieces. (If your reed includes accent colors, simply swish and dry with a rag. The colors will bleed if left in the water too long)

Over-and-under weave around the **entire** basket in this order:

- 5 rows of 5/8" flat reed
- 1 row of 1/2" flat **dyed** reed
- 1 row of 3/8" flat reed
- 1 row of 1/2" flat **dyed** reed
- 2 rows of 5/8" flat reed
- 1 row of 3/8" flat reed

4 CREATE THE STEP AND LEFT BASE

After the 12th row, crease the horizontal stakes leftward, close to and perpendicular to the handle.

Over-and-under weave the five 26" vertical stakes into this new left-hand base section.

Square the new section to **5 1/2" wide x 7 1/2"** (measured to the **center of the handle**).

Tip: Place a **7 1/2" tall box** under this newly added base to support the step while you weave.

There is no locking row on this portion.

6 Tuck all of the **outside** stakes to the inside of the basket.

Clip the **inside** stakes flush with the last row of weaving.

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7 Fit the inside and outside rims overlapping the ends by 3". Cut at an angle and clothespin tightly.

Sandwich the #6 round rim filler in between.

Single-lash the rims and filler down tightly with the 1/4" reed lasher.

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