

Sweet Hearts Basket



Base: 10" x 3"
Sides: 3"

Materials:

- 3 pieces @ 20" - 1/2" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 2 pieces @ 16" - 3/8" flat reed (bottom fillers)
- 9 pieces @ 13" - 1/2" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 1 piece @ 30" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
- 6 pieces @ 30" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)
- 2 pieces @ 28" - 5/8" flat reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 26" - #5 round reed (rim filler)
- 1 piece @ 6' - 3/16" flat oval reed (lashing)
- 1 piece @ 13" - 5/8" flat oval reed (handle)
- 2 - 1/2" nails (handle tacks)
- red ribbon bow
- 2 wooden hearts

Soak the stake pieces, bottom fillers, and locking row for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and mark the centers. Lay out the three - 20" stakes horizontally in front of you rough sides up. Place the two bottom filler pieces in between the three stakes. Lifting stake #'s 1 and 3, slip a vertical stake under the lifted stakes and over the two fillers and the center horizontal stake. Over and under weave four more vertical stakes to the right of the center stake and four to the left. Square up the base to 9 1/2" x 2 1/2". Criss-cross fold, clip, and tuck the filler pieces into the third stakes from each end of the base, (to the inside bottom of the basket). Weave in the locking row. Upsett the stakes.

Soak all of the weavers. Over and under weave 6 rows of 3/8" flat reed.

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. Fit the #5 round rim filler. **Single-lash** the rims and filler down tightly with the 3/16" flat oval reed lasher being sure to put an "X" around the handle ends. Tack the handle in place with the 1/2" nails.

Tie the wooden hearts and a small ribbon bow around the handle of the basket.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*