

Table Runner Basket



Base: 6" x 15"
Top: 10" x 18" Oval
Sides: 6"
Feet: 1" Wooden
Handles: Wire & Wooden Bale

Materials:

- 5 pieces @ 33" – 7/8" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 11 pieces @ 23" – 7/8" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 1 piece @ 48" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
- 7 pieces @ 56" - 5/8" flat reed (weavers)
- 1 piece @ 56" – 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
- 2 pieces @ 54" – 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 52" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
- 1 piece @ 12' – 1/4" flat reed (lasher)
- 4 – 1" wooden feet
- 2 – wire & wooden bale 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 stakes. Lay out the 5 horizontal stakes in front of you, rough sides up. Over and under weave in 11 vertical stakes, beginning by lifting stake #'s 1, 3 and 5, and slipping the center vertical stake underneath. Over and under weave five vertical stakes to the right of the center stake and five more to the left. Square up the base to 5 1/2" x 14 1/2". Weave the locking row around the base. Upsett the stakes .

Over and under weave 7 rows of 5/8" flat reed and one row of 3/8" flat reed.

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.

Soak the rim pieces and lasher for several minutes. Fit the inside & outside rims overlapping 3 inches on opposite sides. Sandwich the #6 round reed rim filler between the two rims. Single lash everything down tightly with the 1/4" flat reed.

Bend the ends of the wire handles around the rim on the ends of the basket. Insert the four feet into the bottom corner positions as shown in the above picture.

The basket pictured above was finished by dipping it in medium walnut oil stain. When that was dry it was then painted with an acrylic Colonial red spray paint. While the red 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!*