

# Toiletries Basket



Base: 6" x 17" Filled  
Sides: 4"  
Handle: 8" Market D

Materials:

- 5 pieces @ 30" – 3/4" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 4 pieces @ 24" – 3/8" flat reed (bottom fillers)
- 12 pieces @ 19" – 3/4" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 3 pieces @ 52" – 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
- 44' - #3 sea grass (continuous weaver)
- 1 piece @ 52" - 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
- 2 pieces @ 50" – 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 48" - #3 sea grass (rim filler)
- 1 piece @ 10' - 3/16" flat reed (lasher)
- 6" x 8" hardwood market D handle

Soak the stake pieces and bottom filler pieces. Find the rough sides and centers. Lay the 5 - 30" pieces out horizontally in front of you. Lay the 4 filler pieces in between the stakes. Lift horizontal stake #'s 1, 3, and 5, and slide the market d handle underneath the three lifted stakes and over the fillers and their stakes. (Always treat the bottom fillers and the stakes in between the fillers as single stakes when over and under weaving.) Weave six vertical stakes to the right of center and six to the left of center. Square up the base to 5½" x 16½". Crisscross fold the ends of the filler pieces and tuck them into the third vertical stake from each end on the bottom of the basket, clipping them to hide under the stake. Upsett the stakes.

Over and under weave 2 rows of ½" flat reed. Continuous weave 11 rounds of sea grass. Over and under weave one more row 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 #3 sea grass 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.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*