

Traveler's Tote Basket



Base: 10 1/2" x 3 1/2" Filled
Top: 14" x 6" Oval
Sides: 10 1/2"
Handles: 30" Leather Strapping

Materials:

- 3 pieces @ 36" – 3/4" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 9 pieces @ 29" – 3/4" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 2 pieces @ 18" - 3/8" flat reed (bottom fillers)
- 1 piece @ 32" – 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
- 15 pieces @ 38" – 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
- 4 pieces @ 38" – 3/8" flat **dyled** reed (weavers)
- 2 pieces @ 38" – 1/4" flat **dyled** reed (weavers)
- 1 piece @ 38" – 3/8" flat reed (weaver)
- 2 pieces @ 36" – 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 34" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
- 2 pieces @ 7" – 11/64" flat oval reed (lashers)
- 1 pair 30" leather strapping handles

Soak the stake pieces, bottom fillers, and locking row for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and mark the centers of the 36" stakes and fillers. Lay them out, rough sides up, horizontally in front of you, (stake, filler, stake, filler, and stake). Find and mark the center of one of the 29" vertical stakes. Lifting horizontal stake #'s 1 & 3, slide the marked vertical stake underneath to the center position. Now over and under weave four more 29" stakes to the right of center and four to the left. Square up the base to 10" x 3". 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. Over and under weave the 1/4" locking row around the basket base. Upsett the stakes.

Weave the following rows allowing the overall shaping to *gently* flare outward until the top measures a 14" x 6" oval:

- 2 rows – 1/2" flat reed
- 1 row – 3/8" flat **dyled** reed
- 1 row – 1/4" flat **dyled** reed
- 1 row – 3/8" flat **dyled** reed
- 11 rows – 1/2" flat reed
- 1 row – 3/8" flat **dyled** reed
- 1 row – 1/4" flat **dyled** reed
- 1 row – 3/8" flat **dyled** reed
- 2 rows – 1/2" flat reed
- 1 row – 3/8" flat reed (be sure to slip the handles into position on this row)

Fold and tuck all of the outside spokes into the inside of the basket. Clip the remaining inside spokes flush with the top row of weaving. Soak and fit the inside and outside rims. (The outside rim will slip through the loops of the handles.) Fit the #6 round reed rim filler sandwiched between the rims. *Double-lash* the rims and filler down tightly with the 11/64".

Sign and date your basket. Good job!

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