

# Twin-Handled Market Basket



Base: 9 1/2" x 16"  
Sides: 7"  
Handle: 2 - Hardwood Swing

Materials:

- 7 pieces @ 36" - 7/8" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 11 pieces @ 30" - 7/8" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 6 pieces @ 25" - 1/2" flat reed (bottom fillers)
- 1 piece @ 60" - 11/64" flat reed (locking row)
- 10 pieces @ 62" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
- 3 pieces @ 62" - 1/2" flat **dyed** reed (weavers)
- 1 piece @ 62" - 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
- 2 pieces @ 60" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 58" - #7 round reed (rim filler)
- 2 pieces @ 12' - 11/64" flat reed (lashing)
- 2 - 10" span round swing push-in handles

Soak the stake pieces and bottom filler pieces. Find the rough sides and centers. Lay the 7 - 35" pieces out horizontally in front of you. Lay the 6 filler pieces in between the stakes. Lift horizontal stake #'s 2, 4, and 6, and all of the filler pieces. Slide a 29" vertical stake **underneath** the three lifted stakes and their fillers into the center position. (Always treat the bottom fillers and the stakes in between the fillers as single stakes when over and under weaving.) Over and under weave 5 - 29" stakes vertically to the right of center and 5 more to the left. Square up the base to 9" x 15 1/2". 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. Weave the locking row around the base. Upsett the stakes.

Over and under weave 10 rows of 1/2" flat reed, 3 rows of 1/2" flat **dyed** reed, and one row 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 handles down into several rows of weaving on the third upright stake from each end of the basket. Soak and fit the inside and outside rims. Fit the #7 round rim filler. **Double-lash** the rims and filler tightly with the 11/64" flat reed lasher.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*