

# Umbrella Basket



Base: 8" x 8" Wooden  
Top: 12" Round  
Sides: 23"  
Handle: 26"

Materials:

- 14 pieces @ 64" - 3/4" flat reed (horizontal & vertical stakes)
- 1 piece @ 40" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
- 2 pieces @ 7 1/2" square - 1/4" oak plywood bases
- 5 pieces @ 42" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
- 11 pieces @ 43" - 5/8" flat reed (weavers)
- 15 pieces @ 44" - 3/4" flat reed (weavers)
- 1 piece @ 44" - 1 1/2" maple strip
- 1 piece @ 44" - 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
- 2 pieces @ 42" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 40" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
- 2 pieces @ 8' - 11/64" flat oval reed (lasher)
- 2 - bushel basket handles

Soak all stake pieces for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and centers, and lay out seven stakes horizontally in front of you rough sides up. Lift stake #'s 1, 3, 5, and 7, and slide the center vertical stake under the center horizontal stake. Over and under weave three more stakes vertically to the right of the center stake and three more to the left of the center stake. Square up the base to 7 1/2" x 7 1/2". Sandwich this base between the two pieces of plywood, gluing and tacking them in place. Weave the 1/4" locking row around the base. Upsett the stakes.

Soak all of the weavers. Over and under weave:

- 5 rows of 1/2" flat reed
- 11 rows of 5/8" flat reed
- 15 rows of 3/4" flat reed
- 1 row of 1 1/2" maple strip
- 1 row of 3/8" flat reed

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. Slide the tails of the bushel basket handles down into several rows of weaving on opposite sides of the basket. Soak and fit the inside and outside rims. Sandwich the #6 round reed rim filler between the rims. **Double-lash** the rims and filler down tightly with the 11/64" flat oval reed lasher.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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