Wood Carver's Tool Tote Basket



Base: 8" x 18" Sides: 8"

Handle: Leather Strapping

Materials: 7 pieces @ 38" - 3/4" flat reed (horizontal stakes)

13 pieces @ 28" - 3/4" flat reed (vertical stakes) 6 pieces @ 26" - 3/8" flat reed (bottom fillers) 1 piece @ 60" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row) 13 pieces @ 64" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)

1 piece @ 64" – or – 2 pieces @ 36" - 1" leather (weaver)

1 pieces @ 64" - 3/8" flat reed (weaver)

2 pieces @ 62" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)

1 piece @ 60" - #7 round reed (rim filler) 3 pieces @ 10' - 1/4" flat oval reed (lashers)

98" - 1" wide riveted leather handle

Soak the stake pieces and bottom filler pieces. Find the rough sides and centers. Lay the 7 - 38" pieces out horizontally in front of you. Lay the 6 filler pieces in between the stakes. Lift horizontal stake #'s 1, 3, 5 & 7, and slide the center vertical stake <u>underneath</u> the four lifted stakes. (Always treat the bottom fillers and the stakes in between the fillers as single stakes when over and under weaving.) Weave two vertical stakes to the right of center and two to the left of center. Find the center of the leather handle and weave that in vertically with the fourth stakes right and left of center. Finish weaving three more vertical stakes to the right of the handle and three more to the left. Square up the base to 7 1/2" x 17 1/2". Crisscross fold the ends of the filler pieces and tuck them into the third vertical stakes 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 stake pieces. Upsett the stakes.

Soak the weavers for several minutes. The leather handles will be left flat on the table and not woven into the sides until the row of 1" leather weaver. Over and under weave 12 rows of 1/2" flat reed. Clothespin the handles up to the stakes and weave the one row of 1" leather, one row of 1/2" flat reed, and the last 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. Soak and fit the inside and outside rims, sandwiching the leather handles between the rims. Fit the #7 round rim filler. **Double-lash** the rims and filler tightly with the 1/4" flat oval reed lasher.

Sign and date your basket. Good job!