

Wooden Bottom Waste Basket



Base: 8" x 8"
Sides: 11 1/2"
Top: 12" Round

Materials:

- 14 pieces @ 36" - 5/8" 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
- 18 pieces @ 45" - 1/2" flat reed (weavers)
- 6 pieces @ 45" - #3 round reed (twining)
- 1 piece @ 45" - 7/8" flat reed (weaver)
- 1 piece @ 45" - 3/8" flat reed (last weaver)
- 2 pieces @ 43" - 5/8" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 42" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
- 2 pieces @ 9' - 3/16" flat reed (lashing)
- 2 @ 11" - leather 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 the 1/2" weavers and #3 round reed pieces. Over and under weave 16 rows of 1/2" flat reed, allowing the sides to flare outward very gently. Using three of the #3 round reed pieces, work one round of triple twining. Over and under weave the 7/8" piece. Work another round of triple twining with the remaining three pieces of #3 round reed. Over and under weave two more rows of 1/2" flat reed. Over and under weave the last 3/8" row of flat reed, slipping the bushel basket handles in place on the opposite sides of the basket. Tuck all of the outside stakes to the inside of the basket. Clip the inside stakes flush with the last row of weaving.

Soak the rims, rim filler, and lashing for several minutes. Fit the inside and outside rims overlapping the ends by 2 - 3 inches on opposite sides of the basket. Place the rim filler in between the rims and **double-lash** everything down tightly.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*

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