

# Yarn Basket



Base: 5 1/2" x 10 1/2"  
Top: 10" x 15" Oval  
Sides: 6"

Materials:

- 5 pieces @ 28" - 3/4" flat reed (horizontal stakes)
- 4 pieces @ 18" - 3/8" flat reed (bottom fillers)
- 9 pieces @ 24" - 3/4" flat reed (vertical stakes)
- 1 piece @ 38" - 1/4" flat reed (locking row)
- 10 pieces @ 50" - 3/8" flat reed (weavers)
- 3 pieces @ 50" - 3/8" flat **dyed** reed (weavers)
- 2 pieces @ 48" - 1/2" flat oval reed (inside & outside rims)
- 1 piece @ 46" - #6 round reed (rim filler)
- 2 pieces @ 7' - 3/16" flat reed (lasher)
- 2 - 9" riveted leather bushel basket handles

Soak all of the stake pieces and the locking row piece for several minutes until pliable. Find the rough sides and centers of the stakes. Lay out the 5 horizontal stakes in front of you, rough sides up. Lay the 4 filler pieces in between the stakes. Lift horizontal stake #'s 1, 3, and 5, and slide the center vertical stake underneath the three lifted stakes and over the fillers and their stakes. (Always treat the bottom fillers and the stakes in between the fillers as single stakes when over and under weaving.) Weave four vertical stakes to the right of center and four to the left of center. 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. Square up the base to 5" x 10". Weave the locking row around the base. Upsett the stakes slightly. Flip the base over on the table. Soak the weavers.

The first three rows of weaving will be done while the basket is flat on the table so that the sides flare outward gradually. Do not make crisp corners as the basket will take on an oval (rather than rectangular) shape as it is woven.

Over and under weave:           9 rows - 3/8" flat reed  
  3 rows - 3/8" flat **dyed** reed

Over and under weave the last 3/8" row slipping the bushel basket handles in place on the ends 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 with the 3/16" flat reed lasher.

Sign and date your basket. *Good job!*