

# Grab-a-Snack Basket

*Traditional meets modern with this basket. Great for serving snacks at the patio table.*

## Materials List:

- 1/2 inch flat reed stakes
- 1/4 inch flat oval reed weavers
- #2 or #3 round reed for twining base
- #1 or #2 Seagrass twining
- 3/8 inch flat reed for false rim row
- 1/2 inch flat oval reed for rim
- #2 seagrass rim filler
- 11/64 inch flat oval reed for rim lashing



## Base size:

6" x 10 1/2"

## Directions:

- Cut Eleven stakes @ 17" and seven stakes at 21" from the 1/2" flat reed.
- Mark centers on the rough side.
- Lay seven, 20" stakes horizontally on the table, with rough sides up. Line up center marks.
- Weave in the eleven, 17" stakes vertically starting at the center marks of the horizontal stakes. Weaving should be **under** the center horizontal stake. There will be 5 vertical stakes on each side of the center stake.
- Square base to approximately 6" x 10 1/2 inches and twine around the base with #2 or #3 round reed.

## Weaving:

Upset the stakes.

You will be weaving all rows using start/stop weaving.

Weave rows 1-5 using 1/4 inch flat oval.

Optional: Since flat oval is somewhat thicker, shaving off a bit of the top part of the reed that is hidden under the 4 stake overlap helps to reduce some of the bulk. While not

absolutely necessary it helps the weaving to lay a little bit neater and has an overall nicer appearance when finished.

The next 5 rows are twining with the #1 (or #2) seagrass. To measure the seagrass wrap 11 times around the basket. This should allow for enough without having to add on. Cut the long piece of seagrass in half and start two pieces behind two consecutive stakes. Twine 5 times around the basket. It will take extra care at first to keep the seagrass from getting tangled. (Alternately you may bend the seagrass in half and slip over a stake to start the seagrass twining) When finished clip off excess seagrass and tuck the ends neatly into the twining on the inside of the basket.

Weave 3 more rows of flat oval.

Weave a  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch piece of flat reed for a false rim row.

Cut and tuck the top of the basket.

Rim basket with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " flat oval inside and outside. Lash with  $\frac{11}{64}$ " flat oval.

Stain basket as desired.

Sign, date and enjoy your basket!

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*Use of a liner or napkins is recommended when serving from handwoven baskets*