

# Little Kitchen Helper Basket

11" x 4 ½" x 3"

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*This little basket is here to help when needed. Breadsticks, crackers, tableware, jars of jelly...You might even want to weave a few of these to have on hand.*

## Materials List:

3/8" flat reed stakes  
11/64" flat reed for locking row  
1/4" flat reed weaver  
3/16" flat reed for weavers  
3/8" flat reed for false rim row\*  
1/2" flat oval reed for rim\*  
#2 seagrass for rim filler  
3/16" flat oval for lashing



## Base size:

Approximately 3 ¼" x 9 ½"

## Directions:

- Cut Thirteen stakes @ 14" and five stakes at 20" from the 3/8" flat reed.
- Mark centers on the rough side.
- Lay five, 20" stakes horizontally on the table, with rough sides up. Line up center marks.
- Weave in the thirteen, 14" stakes vertically starting at the center of the horizontal stakes. Weaving of the center vertical stake should be over the first horizontal stake and over the center and last stakes. There will be 6 vertical stakes on each side of the center stake.
- Square base to approximately 3 x 9 1/4 inches. For a nice looking open weave base, be sure to have even and square spaces.
- With a soaked 11/64" flat reed weaver, secure the base of the basket with a ***locking row***.

## **Weaving:**

Upset the stakes.

You will be weaving all rows using start/stop weaving in the following order:

- Weave a single row of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " flat reed.
- Thirteen rows of  $\frac{3}{16}$ " flat oval reed.
- Weave a single row of  $\frac{3}{8}$ " flat reed for the false rim row.

Cut and tuck the top of the basket in preparation for rimming.

Rim basket with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " flat oval inside and outside. Use #2 seagrass for rim filler and lash with  $\frac{3}{16}$  flat oval.

\* (Alternately you may use  $\frac{1}{4}$ " flat for your false rim row and  $\frac{3}{8}$ " flat oval reed for the rim)

Stain basket as desired.

Sign, date and enjoy your basket!

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