

Autumn Long Bread Basket

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Serve a baguette with your fall soups or casseroles or use for a fall centerpiece. The length makes a great focal point and the flat oval adds a wonderful texture.

Approximate finished size 21" x 5"

Materials List:

- 1/2 inch flat reed stakes
- 1/4 inch flat oval reed weavers
- #2 round reed for twining base
- 3/8 inch flat reed for false rim row
- 1/2 inch flat oval reed for rim
- #2 seagrass rim filler
- 3/16 inch flat oval reed for rim lashing
- 5" spread round top set-in handle with open notch



Base size:

20 inches x 4 1/4 inches

Directions:

- Cut 5 stakes @ 34 inches
- Cut twenty-three stakes @ 17"
- Mark centers on the rough side.
- Lay five, 34" stakes horizontally on the table, with rough sides up. Line up center marks.
- Weave in the twenty-three, 17" stakes vertically starting at the center marks of the horizontal stakes. Weaving should be **under** the outside stakes and center horizontal stake. There will be 11 vertical stakes on each side of the center stake.
- Square base to approximately 20" x 4" inches and twine around the base with #2 round reed

Keep in mind that squaring to this base size is approximate. Reed widths can vary. You want to achieve square spacing between your stakes for a nicely woven base.

To twine around this base you will need two very long pieces of round reed. I like to start two pieces on two consecutive stakes. Alternately you may use a flat reed keeper row of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch flat reed.

Weaving:

Upset the stakes.

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

Weave 14 rows using $\frac{1}{4}$ 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.

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

Cut and tuck the top of the basket.

Sand your handle You may also shape and sand the ends so that they do not show on the outside of the basket when inserted.

Fit your handle on the inside of the basket, lining up the notch so that the rim will sit on top of it.

Rim basket with $\frac{1}{2}$ " flat oval inside and outside using #2 seagrass as rim filler. Lash with $\frac{3}{16}$ " flat oval.

Stain basket as desired.



Sign, date and enjoy your basket!