

## IWK STAIR-STEP BASKET

### Stair-step basket made with 1 inch flat reed



#### **Materials needed:**

~2 lbs 1" flat reed  
~ 5 meters 3/16<sup>th</sup> or 1/4" flat reed for lashing  
one 6" x 20" D handle

#### **Cut stakes as follows:**

5 stakes x 48"  
4 stakes x 38"  
5 stakes x 25"  
8 short weavers  
5 long weavers

Main Basket	Upper Basket
Stakes 4x5 Plus handle	Stakes 5x5 Weavers 5 6" x 7"
Weavers 8	
6" X 9"	

#### **Start**

Lay out the 48" stakes smooth side down and measuring from the left make a mark at 25.5" (mark lightly with pencil so that the mark can be erased before we clear coat the basket). At this mark weave the handle in with 1, 3, 5, over the base of the handle. Again with smooth side down weave in one of the 38" stakes to the left (long side) and three to the right (short side). Adjust the size to be 6" x 9" on the main basket.

#### **Main Basket**

Upset the stakes (crease them but don't crack them). You should have a base of 5 by 5 stakes (which includes the handle) ready for 8 weavers. Weave 8 rounds trying to keep corners square and weaving very tight, first row should go outside of handle. Check on a stair to make sure height is correct

#### **Upper Basket**

Crease the five longest stakes on the Main Basket outward and weave in the next 5 stakes (the 25" ones). You should now have a second base of 5 by 5 stakes. This base should not be larger than 6" x 8". Upset the stakes and weave an additional 5 rows making sure you have enough stake height to tuck them into the inside.

#### **Finish**

Tuck down outside stakes and cut off inside stakes. Finish with 1" flat reed inside and outside lashed into place with flat reed, and a strip of seagrass on the top.

