

IWK WINE BOTTLE BASKET

Wine Bottle basket made with 1 inch flat reed



Materials needed:

Just under 1/2 lb. 1" flat reed

~ 1 meter 3/4" flat reed

~ 3 meters 1/4 " flat reed

one 5" x 14" D handle or 2 meters of strapping

Cut stakes as follows:

4 stakes x 30" in 1" reed

3 stakes x 34" in 1" reed

2 stakes x 20" in 3/4 " reed (for strength on bottom)

9 weavers of 1" reed

Base of Basket

Mark centers of stakes on wrong side (mark lightly with pencil so that the mark can be erased before we clear coat the basket). With wrong (rough) side up weave 3 x 34" stakes through handle; 1st and 3rd over handle base. For strength weave the 2 x 20" narrow (3/4") stakes parallel to the 1st and 3rd stakes but position them close to the central stake.

Then weave two 30" stakes on each side (parallel to) of the handle base. Adjust size to approximately an 8" x 5" rectangle. Spacing is about 3/4" between the 1" stakes on base.

Weaving the Sides

Bend the stakes upright; crease them but don't crack them. *TIP: bend stakes over a metal ruler laid over the base.* Weave 9 rounds keeping the corners square. Weave a very tight first row using the central end stake and the two strengthening stakes as one stake (see photo). The first row and the last row go over the outside of the handle. The strengthening stakes (3/4") will fold themselves into the central stake on your second or third round of weavers.

Finish

Tuck down outside stakes and cut off inside stakes. Finish with 1" flat reed inside and outside lashed into place with 1/4 " flat reed, and if desired a strip of seagrass on the top.

