

**Bakery Basket**  
By Phyllis Scarbrough

**Materials needed:**

15" x 7 1/2" D handle

5/8" flat spokes

- Cut 13 spokes 40" x 5/8" flat
- Cut 12 spokes 32" x 5/8" flat - for fillers or shoes to create a solid bottom.
- *\*Note\* As the spoke widths vary slightly, you may have to adjust the size of the filler spokes to 1/2" to fit the handle best*
- Cut 18 spokes 29" x 5/8" flat

1/2" flat weavers

5/8" flat/oval inner and outer rims

1/4" flat/oval lashing #6 round reed- rim filler

**Base: 15" x 26"**

**Laying out the Bottom:**

Put handle vertical in front of you, lay stakes horizontal across handle right tight to each other, starting with 40" Over, 32" Under, 40" Over, 32" Under, and so on... ending with 40" over until all 25 stakes are in.

Now weave the 18 - 29" long stakes 9 on each side of the handle starting with over, under and so on and ending with the last stake on each side over. As you place these stakes, leave about 5/8" between each stake. When all 18 stakes are in, measure the bottom; it should be 26" long. Now pin corners and make any adjustments on the stakes so all weaving spaces are even. This makes for a beautiful solid (strong) bottom.

Spray again to keep wet... and upset the stakes all the way around.

**Weaving the Sides:**

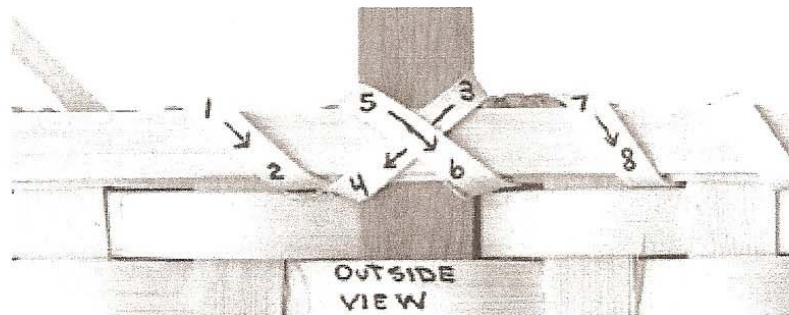
Remember - Do not weave the short stakes (32" fillers) leave them sticking out until the sides are

woven. Weave sides in start-stop weave, over-lapping by 4 stakes each row, using 1/2" flat reed. When you have woven 4 rows of 1/2" flat reed, weave in top row of 1/2" flat. Cut and tuck. At this point you can tuck in the Fillers...they should still sticking out. Take in sets of 2 and cross (get them very wet first) cut to tuck under the 2nd or 4th row of weaving. This creates Shoes. See picture.



### Rimming the Basket:

Rim your basket using 5/8" flat/oval for both the inside and outside rims. If you want to use a rim filler, use #6 round reed, it provides the cleanest look. Lash with 1/4" flat/oval reed, making an "x" over the handle as you pass it (see diagram).



\*Phyllis Scarbrough designed this pattern. The original basket was used in the 1950's to carry bread from the oven to the bakers' shelves. It is a historical reproduction of an original. **Smaller version** cut 13 spokes 32" x 5/8" flat, 12 filler spokes 24" x 5/8" flat, 12 spokes 29" x 5/8" flat Base 15" wide x 18" long. Weave in same manner as original pattern.