# Small Lattice Work Basket

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Skill Level Beginner to Intermediate

**Dimensions** Base:

5 ½" x 7" (including retainer)

Height:

4" at rim

Circumference: 27 ½" at rim

**Materials** 

White Oak Round Double Notched Handle with 6" spread (111/2" notch to notch, inside notches)

3/8" Flat Reed

Spokes:

7 at 24" (horizontal)

9 at 22" (vertical)

3/16" Flat Oval Reed

Retainer:

1 piece approximately 32"

Weavers:

7 pieces approximate 32" each

Common Hamburg Cane (bleached cane)

Weavers:

6 pieces approximately 35" each

Fine Hamburg Cane

Lattice:

4 pieces approximately 35" each

1 1/2" Maple

Weavers:

1 piece approximately 40"

#1 Round Reed Natural

Weavers:

Rim Filler:

2 pieces approximately 70" each 3 pieces approximately 90" each

1/2" Flat Oval

Rim:

2 pieces approximately 50" each

Narrow Binding Cane

Lashing:

1 piece approximately 180"

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## Preparation •

- Cut spokes as described above.
- Mark all spokes on center of rough side.
- Sand the handle until smooth.

#### Base

Lay out the 7 - 24" spokes horizontally. Line up the center marks. Weave in the 22" vertical spokes starting over at the center marks of the horizontal spokes. The center marks of all vertical spokes should be at the center horizontal spoke.

The spacing between all spokes should be approximately 3/8". The base should measure approximately 5" (vertical) x 6 1/2" (horizontal).

Weave a retainer row with 3/16" Flat Oval (F.O.). Miter the corners and shave the oval on the 4 spoke overlap.

Spray or carefully re-wet spokes. Gently upset all spokes.

# Shaping

The sides of the basket will come almost straight up although the ends may be allowed to flare slightly.

### **Sides**

The smooth or oval side of the weavers will face the outside of the basket. Work from the outside of the basket:

- 4 Rows start/stop of 3/16" F.O. Use a 4 spoke overlap and shave the oval on the overlap.
- 1 Row triple weave with Common Hamburg Cane. Step up at the end of the row. Do not let the cane twist.
- 1 Row start/stop with 1 ½" Maple going over (O) the 3 center spokes on a long side, under (U) 1 spoke, O3, U1, O3, U1, O3, U1, O3, U1, O3, U1, O3, U1, O3, U1. Use a 4 spoke overlap. When working with maple, make sure that the smoothest side of the maple faces the outside of the basket.
- 1 Row triple weave with Common Hamburg Cane. Step up at the end of the row. Do not let the cane twist.
- 3 Rows start/stop of 3/16" F.O. Use a 4 spoke overlap and shave the oval on the overlap. The first row of this set of rows should follow the same over/under pattern at the 4<sup>th</sup> row of 3/16" F.O. weaving.
- 2 Rows of twining with #1 Round Reed (R.R.) natural (do not tuck the ends they will be hidden under the rim).

**Finish Sides** Gently pack weaving. Measure the sides of the basket to make sure it is even all the way around. packing more where needed. Tuck all spokes over the twining and the last row of 3/16" F.O. but under any rows of 3/16" F.O. on the inside of the spokes above the Maple, under the triple weave cane, on the inside of the basket when going over the 1 1/2" Maple (regardless of whether the spoke is on the outside or inside of the Maple), under the bottom set of triple weave, and under the next row of 3/16" F.O which is on the inside of the spokes.

# Handle

Measure the tails of the handle. Trim and shave them if necessary. Insert the handle on the center vertical spoke (i.e. center spoke on the wide side of the basket) on the inside of the basket. The tails of the handle will be under one row of 3/16" F.O. above the top triple weave, under both sets of triple weave, and under any remaining rows of 3/16" F.O. The handle will be on the inside of the rim filler.

Fold three pieces of #1 R.R. in half and clip to the basket on a handle side (i.e. on a wide side of the basket). Braid the #1 R.R. using 3 sets of 2. Clip the rim filler to the top edge of the basket. Tuck the ends of the braid into the twining when you reach the start of the braid. The braid will be on the outside of the handle.

Rim

Measure, cut, and shave the 1/2" F.O. for the inside and outside rims.

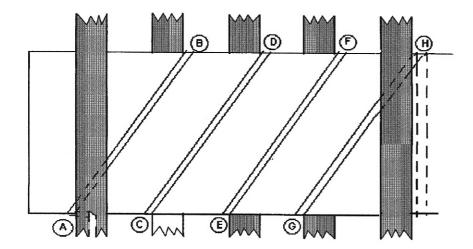
Clip the outside and inside rims on a wide side of the basket (the same side where the rim filler was started and ended). The ½" F.O. will cover the last row of ¼" F.O. and the 2 rows of twining. Stagger the starts of the rims slightly.

Lash on the rims with narrow binding cane. After completely lashing the basket in one direction, turn and lash the basket in the opposite direction (to make an X at each spoke). Make a double X at the handle.

Lattice

The Lattice work is woven on the 4 "corner" areas of the exposed Maple. Using a 35" piece of Narrow Medium Bleached Hamburg Cane, anchor the cane on the inside of the basket (rough side up) under the first set of triple weave and 2 rows of 3/16" F.O. below the triple weave. The cane should be anchored behind a spoke that is on the outside of the Maple. See figure 2 (A). Turn the cane so the smooth side is exposed and bring it to the outside of the basket below the maple and to the left of the exposed spoke. The first part of the cane will hide between the Maple and the exposed spoke (i.e. the spoke on the outside of the Maple), will go over 2 spokes and to the inside of the basket above the Maple. The cane should be brought below the Maple back one spoke. Repeat this sequence (over 2/back 1) until you reach the next exposed spoke. At this point the cane will hide between the Maple and the exposed spoke and go to the inside of the basket. To finish the lattice, bring the cane straight down on the inside of the basket and to the outside of the basket below the Maple at the same exposed spoke. Repeat the "lashing" in the opposite direction to finish the lattice. See figure 2.

Figure 2 Lattice Work on Small Lattice Work Basket



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