

# Small Lattice Work Basket

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**Skill Level** Beginner to Intermediate

**Dimensions** Base: 5 1/2" x 7" (including retainer)  
Height: 4" at rim  
Circumference: 27 1/2" at rim

**Materials** White Oak Round Double Notched Handle with 6" spread (11 1/2" 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:	2 pieces approximately 70" each
	-	Rim Filler:	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 1/2” 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.

