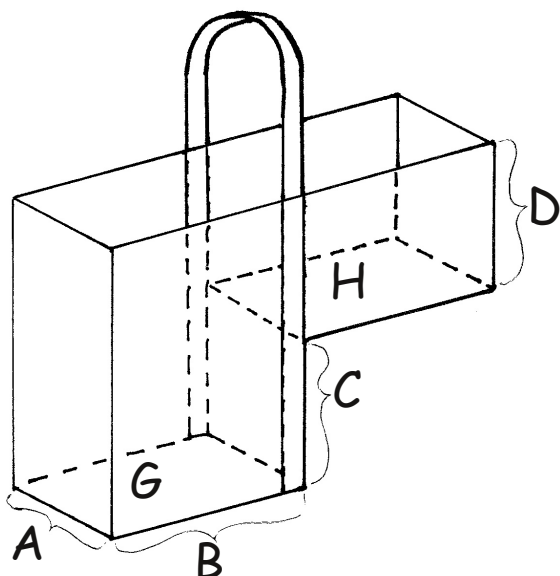


# Step Basket: make it fit your steps

Materials Needed: a 19" or 20" tall D-handle, 3/4" flat reed for your stakes, #2 round reed for twining, the sizes you need for weaving the sides and the materials you need for the border you plan to do.



A = handle width  
 B = step length  
 C = step height  
 D = step height, or less  
 (I do about 5 - 6" here)

1. If the handle is 6" wide, cut 5 stakes; 8" wide, cut 7 stakes; 10" wide, cut 9 stakes. Use this formula to determine the length of these stakes:  

$$\frac{\quad}{B+B} + \frac{\quad}{C+D} + \frac{\quad}{C+D} + 4 = \quad \text{(length of stakes)}$$
2. If step length is 6"-7" long, cut 4 stakes; 8"-9" long, cut 6 stakes; 10"-11" long, cut 8 stakes (the handle will be another stake, so you have an odd number of stakes). Use this formula to determine the length of these stakes:  

$$\frac{\quad}{A} + \frac{\quad}{C+D} + \frac{\quad}{C+D} + 4 = \quad \text{(length of stakes)}$$
3. If step length is 6"-7" cut 5 stakes; 8"-9" cut 7 stakes; 10"-11" cut 8 stakes. Use this formula to determine the length of these stakes:  

$$\quad + \quad + \quad + 4 = \quad \text{(length of stakes)}$$
4. Use the D-handle, the stakes from step 1 and step 2 and weave bottom G. Step 1 stakes go over and under the handle. Step 2 stakes weave parallel to the handle, with the handle being one of the end stakes. Twine 1 or 2 rows around the finished bottom with #2 round reed. Upset your stakes and weave up the side for C" using any size material you like.
5. Use the Step 3 stakes with the Step 1 stakes and weave bottom H. I twine a 3/4 row around this base and then upset my stakes. (You can omit the twining) Now weave up the side for D" or as high as you want the basket to be.
6. Twine 3 rows with #2 round reed. Cut and tuck your stakes. Do a border and you are done.