

# 3 Point Market

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## Materials:

8" x 14" D Swing Handle

Spokes: 5/8" Flat – 7 @ 32"  
10 @ 27"

Fillers: 3/8" Flat – 6 @ 19"

Weavers: 7mm Flat

1/2" Flat

3/8" Flat, Smoked

Rims: 1/2" Flat/Oval

Lashing: Medium cane

#3 seagrass



13" x 8" x 6.5" (at the rim)

1. Soak all weaving materials until pliable. Mark the centers on the wrong side of the spokes and the right side of the fillers. Layout the long spokes and the fillers horizontally. Weave the handle in vertically, under the spokes and over the fillers. Weave in 5 spokes on each side of the handle. True the base to approximately 12" by 7". Bend the fillers to the bottom of the basket and tuck under the spokes to the right and left of the center 32" spoke; do not split the fillers. Weave in a locking row using 7mm flat, mitering the corners.

2. Upset and weave the 3 rows with 1/2" flat, with the first row going behind the handle. Weave 7 rows with 3/8" smoked; 3 rows 1/2" flat; and 1 row of 7mm flat for the rim row. Cut and tuck.

3. Rim with 1/2" flat/oval using seagrass as the rim filler and lash with medium cane.

Note: The lashed braid at the handle should be done with one piece of medium cane. If you do not have enough to finish the braid sequence, stop the old lasher and start a new one before doing the lashed braid.

Braiding sequence is as follows:

Step 1: Create the first X on the handle rim by going behind the handle around the front and back to the opening to the right of the handle. Next, come up over the rim to the right of the handle and go under the lasher and down under the rim to the left of the handle. This creates a "complete X" on the rim and handle. Make sure to tighten your lashing.

Step 2: Come back over the rim on the left and across the handle. Go under the last lash you made that goes from right to left and insert the lasher under the last row of weaving below the rim on the left side. Next, go over the rim on the left and under the last lash you made going from left to right and insert the lasher under the top row of weaving on the right. (The bottom of this X will step down one row)

Step 3: Again come over the rim on the left and across to the right going under the last lash. Insert the lasher into the second to the last row of weaving, over the top of the rim, under the last lasher and into the second to the last row of weaving. Each time, make sure that your lasher is tight to the basket. When you have finished the last lash sequence check the inside of the basket to make sure that your braiding is laying flat to the basket.

Repeat this braiding sequence a total of 6 times covering 2 rows of the smoked reed. Then continue lashing around the basket.

When you have finished the basket, stain with Weavers Stain. This basket was stained with Walnut so that the cane lashing would contrast.