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BASKETRY

- The first containers that Humans made were baskets
- Basketry is the weaving or sewing of certain fibrous materials, such as reeds, pine needles, straw, animal hair, grasses, vines and others into a three-dimensional item.
- The earliest references we have of basket making are from Neolithic times as cave sites in Israel, Iran and Turkey. Some dating to over 8000 years ago!
- However, because baskets are made of organic materials, we think that making baskets goes back even further, we just do not have any proof

SAFETY FIRST!

- You can use a pocketknife or scissors to cut your reeds, however you must follow proper Totin' Chip Protocols
- Handle your blade carefully
- Cut away from your body
- If cutting from a branch or shoots, brace your hand against the tree and cut diagonally to encourage the plant to regrow



- If a minor cut or scrape occurs, use proper first aid procedures to ensure you are safe.
- If you cut yourself severely, get help!

 Basketry is not a dangerous hobby, but ensuring good safety skills is always important.

A SAFE WORK AREA

Review this safety list before beginning a project!

- When cutting, focus on the task
- Keep materials well-organized and pick up any scraps so you do not slip
- Never play in your craft space
- When walking, keep scissors pointed down and away from others
- Keep your tools clean and sharp
- Store your tools in a safe place away from children
- Knives and scissors should never be thrown

TYPES OF BASKETS

 There are many types of basket, and nearly as many variations as there are cultures. We are going to focus on Four of them

- Plaited
- Coiled
- Ribbed
- Wicker

PLAITED BASKET

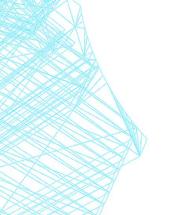
 The plaited basket is created with flat strips of reed passing over and under flat stakes, giving the basket an interwoven look



COILED BASKET

 Coiled baskets have no skeleton or frame. An inner core of pine needles or other material is wrapped with a soft flexible materials such as sinew.
The coils are stacked and sewn together in horizontal rows.





RIBBED BASKET

The Ribbed Basket features round or oval shaped reeds used to create a sturdy skeleton. Flat or round reeds are woven around the skeleton to create the basket



WICKER BASKET

 Wicker baskets use any round reed or flexible material that is woven into a rigid framework



TYPES OF WEAVES

There are several types of weaves as well

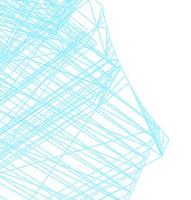
Plain Weave – Also called 'Over-Under' weave is done with rigid stakes or spokes and the weave goes one-under and one-over as the pattern. Spokes and stakes are more rigid and thicker reeds. 'Weaver-Reeds' are smaller and more pliable.

 Continuous Weave – Occurs when using a Plain Weave over an odd number of stakes. It is not done one row at a time but continues with another 'weaver-reed' added when more length is needed.



■ Twill Weave — This method of weaving involves thee wearing passing over or under two or more stakes or spokes at a time.

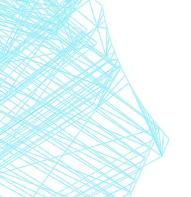
 Twining – This weave, also called pairing, involves two weavers, each alternately twisting over and under consecutive spokes.



THE ROUND BASKET

Basketry Merit Badge Series

The Basic Round Basket



THE SQUARE BASKET

Basketry Merit Badge Series

The 3"Square Basket



Basketry Merit Badge Series

The Basic Seat Frame



END OF DAY 1

Homework:

By our next meeting on August 31, complete Requirements 1, 2 and 3.

Be Prepared to present all 3 of your baskets on August 31!