



# Basketry

## Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book). No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33215. Requirements revised: 2004, Workbook updated: December 2008.

Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe precautions you should take to safely use basketry tools and materials. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Do the following:

(a) Show your counselor that you are able to identify each of the following types of baskets:

plaited, \_\_\_\_\_

coiled, \_\_\_\_\_

ribbed, \_\_\_\_\_

and wicker \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Describe three different types of weaves to your counselor.

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3. Plan and weave EACH of the following projects:

(a) a square basket; \_\_\_\_\_

(b) a round basket; and \_\_\_\_\_

(c) a campstool seat.

Online Resources (Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)

Boy Scouts of America: ► [scouting.org](http://scouting.org) ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) ► [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) ► [Safe Swim Defense](#)  
 ► [Scout](#) ► [Tenderfoot](#) ► [Second Class](#) ► [First Class](#) ► [Rank Videos](#) ► [Safety Afloat](#)

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workbooks: [usscouts.org](http://usscouts.org) -or- [meritbadge.org](http://meritbadge.org) Merit Badge Books: [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)

### Requirement Resources

These resources and much more are at: <http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Basketry>

- While Basketry is fun, it also teaches patience and the importance of reading the directions before you start.
- Note that in 2004, the requirements added a third basket. Allow 10-20 hours to complete the three baskets.
- Basketry may now be difficult to complete during summer camp. Consider starting the baskets ahead of time.

2. [Baskets - Types of Baskets with photos](#) - [Basket Weaving FAQ](#)

3. [Basket Weaving 101](#) shows color photos of each step of weaving a basket.

[Do It Yourself Basketry Topics](#) - [Basket Weaving](#) - [Weaving Tips](#) - [Basketry](#)

Basketry kits for each project are available at your local [Scout Shop](#) or online at [ScoutStuff.org](http://ScoutStuff.org) and other sites such as [County Seat](#).

3a. Save the more difficult square basket for last. The [Larger BSA Square Basket Kit](#) is easier than the small one.

3b. The Round basket is easier for many than the square basket. Still consider the [BSA Large Round Basket Kit](#)

3c. [BSA Campstool Seat Kit](#)

Note: Leave a gap between the reeds the thickness of three reeds so that you will have room for the cross-pieces.

The [301 Rush kit](#) can be used for this requirement but costs about twice as much as the BSA [Campstool Seat](#).

### General Resources

BasketMakers: <http://basketmakers.org>

Basketweaving.com: <http://www.basketweaving.com>

National Basketry Org.: <http://www.nationalbasketry.org>

Gratiot Lake Basketry: <http://www.gratiotlakebasketry.com>