



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. Merit Badge Workbooks and much more are below: [Online Resources](#).

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Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Ph #: _____

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

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.

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 ► [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 -or- meritbadge.org **Merit Badge Books:** 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 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>