



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](#).
Workbook developer: craig@craiglincoln.com. Requirements revised: 2004, Workbook updated: June 2008.

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

BasketMakers: <http://basketmakers.org>

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

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

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

- 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.
- 3a. Save the more difficult square basket for last. Buy a larger kit like the [BSA Square Basket](#) so you have more room to work.
- 3b. The Round basket is easier for many than the square basket. Still consider the larger [BSA Round Basket kit](#).
- 3c. Camp Stool: Leave a gap between the reeds the thickness of two reeds so that you will have room for the cross-pieces.
Consider the [BSA Campstool Kit](#).