

## **4-H BASKETWEAVING GUIDELINES**

The following are guidelines for providing learning experiences in basket weaving

### **General Suggestions**

- \* Learn different articles needed for basket weaving: tape measure, awl, snap clothes pins, small rasp, pruners, needlenose pliers, etc.
- \* Learn different definitions in basketry.
- \* Learn about dyeing and staining.
- \* Project ideas are available at the Extension office.
- \* If the basket is to be filled, the materials within the basket must be removable for judging.

### **Beginners (1-2 years in project)**

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:

1. Learn how to measure and cut spokes.
2. Learn how to measure and mark spokes for weaving.
3. Learn how to align the marks to set up basket.
4. Learn how to do basic turning and weaving.
5. Learn how to do simple finished edge (over one and in).

Suggested projects for Beginners:

Simple hot dish mats, coasters, wall plaques, small basket (ex. muffin, egg, ribbon, etc.)

### **Intermediates (3-4 years in project)**

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:

1. Continue using skills learned in previous years.
2. Use previous techniques and learn more difficult techniques.
3. Stain finished basket with commercial stain or make own from natural substances.
4. Finish basket with rim.

Suggested projects for Intermediates:

basic basket, farmer's basket, shopping basket

### **Advanced (5 years and over in project)**

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:

1. Continue using skills learned in previous years.
2. Make an original design.
3. Become a teen leader.
4. Demonstrate a technique and/or develop instructional materials.
5. Show and/or sell products at art shows, craft shows, etc.
6. Explore career opportunities in basketweaving.

7. Learn how to dye reeds or weavers for a different look.

Suggested projects for Advanced: basket with lid, melon, etc.