TITLE: Basket Weaving

**Learning Goal(s):**

* The student will learn about African Culture and Basket Weaving
* The student will learn to identify and create woven baskets in the style of traditional African baskets
* The student will learn to identify traditional patterns and methods used in African baskets

**Florida Standards/Benchmarks:**

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| [VA.68.H.1.3:](https://www.cpalms.org//PreviewStandard/Preview/4778) | Analyze and describe the significance of artwork from a selected group or culture to explain its importance to the population.  |
| [VA.68.S.1.4:](https://www.cpalms.org//PreviewStandard/Preview/4756) | Use accurate art vocabulary to explain the creative and art-making processes.  |
| [VA.68.S.1.5:](https://www.cpalms.org//PreviewStandard/Preview/4757) | Explore various subject matter, themes, and historical or cultural events to develop an image that communicates artistic intent.  |

**Vocabulary:**

Base

Rim

Stakes/Spokes

Ribs

Over/Under

Coiling

Pattern

Weaving

**Resources/Links:**

[History of African Baskets](https://www.contemporary-african-art.com/african-baskets.html)

[History of Basket Weaving](https://basketweaving.com/shopsite_sc/store/html/history-of-basket-weaving.html) -general

[Basket Weaving Resources, Techniques, and More!](https://www.paradisefibers.com/pages/basket-weaving-resources)

[What is a Basket?](https://africa.si.edu/exhibits/grassroots/fanner.html)

Video: [Woven Bowls from Paper Plates](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvMyuNUdaws&ab_channel=HappyHooligans)

Video: [Dick Blick Saucer Baskets](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlo5ZC96cXo&ab_channel=BlickArtMaterials)

Video: [How to Make a Yarn Bowl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-avfgbdQnQ)

Video: [Creating a Coil Basket](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXel-v97elE&ab_channel=StephanieDanza)

**Media/Materials:**

* Paper Plates & Yarn
* Coiling Cord/Braiding Cord, Yarn, Large Needles
* Reed or Came, Yarn, Recycled Materials
* Local plants, grasses, found materials

**Directions:**

1. Introduce students to African Basket Weaving.
2. Look at and/or create a handout with information and visual examples.
3. Look at a variety of websites with directions for basket weaving
4. Choose materials and method you will use for your basket weaving project—different styles and materials were used in different parts of Africa. For example:



These baskets are made of grasses and other available plant material and are made using the coil method-they are called fanners.

**GRADING RUBRIC:**

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| **0 (0 points)** | **1 (5 points)** | **2 (10 points)** | **3 (15 points)** | **4 (20 points)** | **SCALE** |
| No basket was made | Incomplete basket, not successfully woven | Partial basket, some weaving elements evident | Well-woven basket completed | Additional elements beyond those required |   |
| No craftsmanship, basket falls apart | Parts of the basket stay together | Most of the basket well woven, some edges rough | Basket is tightly woven and stays together | Additional elements beyond those required |   |
| No pattern | The beginnings of a pattern | Pattern shows in part of basket | There is at least one pattern evident in finished basket | Detailed and creative use of patterns |   |
| No form, basket falls flat | Basket lip rises a little | Basket form is evident, if uneven | Basket form is evident and even | Unique and creative basket form |   |
| No name, title, class, no craftsmanship | Missing title, name, and class, poor craftsmanship | Missing title, name, or class, craftsmanship could be improved | Title, student name, and class on back, good craftsmanship | Unique title, name, class, outstanding craftsmanship |   |
| Total Score |   |

 **Reteach/Enrich:**

* Work with a partner/peer tutor
* Break down into smaller steps
* Reduce the elements in the assignment
* Make a smaller version
* Make a second project
* Add additional details to original
* Help another student/peer tutor