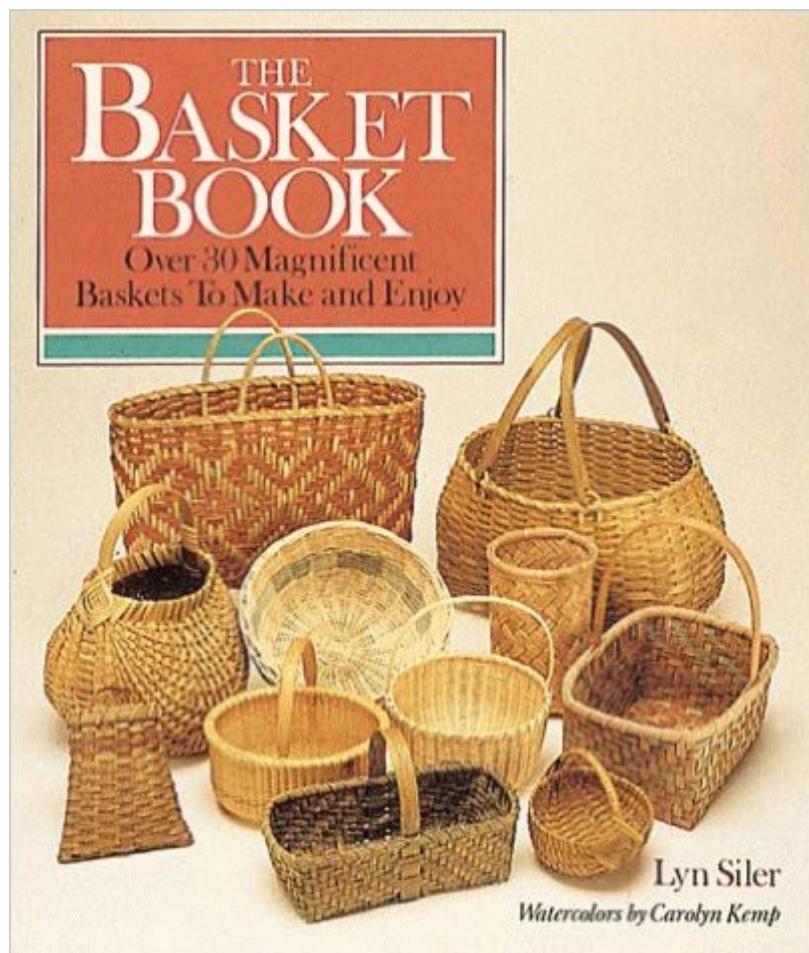


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The Basket Book: Over 30 Magnificent Baskets To Make And Enjoy



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Try your hand at one of the world's most ancient crafts! Basketmaking has been an artisanal staple across cultural and national boundaries for hundreds of years. Now you can make your own beautiful and functional baskets thanks to Lyn Siler's elegant designs and clear, engaging instructions. This magnificent collection of over 30 baskets to make draws on lengthy global basketmaking traditions and includes a variety of techniques and easy-to-find materials. With this book as your teacher, you'll be well on your way to weaving handmade baskets of your own that will be admired in your family's home and used for generations to come. Featuring over 400 illustrations and diagrams which accompany the clear step-by-step instructions, as well as lush, specially commissioned watercolors by Carolyn Kemp scattered throughout, *The Basket Book* will guide you gently through the process of constructing heirloom baskets of your very own. Whether it's a simple Melon basket, a traditional Cherokee Indian basket, or a dramatic fishing creel, you'll be proud to display your handiwork or give them as unique gifts to friends and family. Begin your adventure with this time-honored craft today! --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

This is the first book I bought as a beginning basket weaver. It has clear directions and wonderful illustrations. I've been able to make every basket without difficulty. It has a nice selection of different types of baskets. I would strongly recommend it for the beginning weaver as well as those more experienced.

This was my first basket book, and now I'm addicted to basketmaking. There are lots of great patterns including one for a wine basket that makes a great wedding/anniversary/birthday gift!

This is the BEST beginner book on basketmaking that I have found. I believe it should be in everyones collection. The baskets are lovely and inovative. Even the most simple are elegant and useful. I have used this book until it is in shreds! The intructions are very clear and well illustrated. And the designs and patterns teach as well as instruct. I can't say enough good about this book. If you intend to sell your baskets, this book will pay for itself on the first sale. And the baskets are charming and very saleable, even the easy ones. There are also some more challanging patterns for the more expirience. A "must have" for any basketmaker.

This book is very good for the beginning basket weaver. It also gives the intermediate weaver many challenges. The author starts off with general terms of the trade and defines them. It also provides the hands on instructions you need to weave each basket. A little more instruction and conversation on staining and dyeing would have made it even better.

Lyn Siler has put together a great selection of basket patterns for the full spectrum of basket weavers. The instructions are extremely well-written and the illustrations and tips are wonderful. Definitely a top recommendation for anyone who enjoys weaving baskets.

Great photos usually show more than one variation of each basket. A "story" behind each basket provides a sense of usefulness and history. Directions are for a basic basket with suggestions for the variations. All instructions are clear, with detailed drawings for the difficult-to- explain areas such as lashings, twill patterns, and weaving transitions. Superb book!

Until I bought this book, I had never made a woven basket, only coiled ones. This book has made it easy for me to progress from one to the other. It has great technical drawings, easy to understand instructions, and beautiful photographs. The sections covering terminology, helpful hints, and resources have also been useful to me. This book also has a great variety of patterns, of which "Feather Basket" and "Potato Basket" are my favorites. I recommend The Basket Book for beginning basket makers.J.H. Sweet, author of The Fairy Chronicles, and basket maker

After the first look through the book, I couldn't wait to read it in depth. Sat down and read it with a

specific project in mind and found numerous wonderful ideas that will make my project easier and much more successful. Great pictures and directions are clear, concise and to the point If you like baskets and want to make heritge quality baskets, this is the book for you. Enjoy, I am!!!

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