

Basketry

Merit Badge Workbook

Merit badges are earned by doing: reading the pamphlet, practicing the skills, and showing your counselor what you have learned.
This workbook gives you a place to organize your notes and track your progress along the way.
Merit badge counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbook.
You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information.
Use the space under each requirement to note what you have done and what you want to talk about, not to write out full answers.
When a requirement says discuss, show, tell, explain, or demonstrate, that is what you must do.
No one may add to or subtract from the official requirements found on scouting.org (Guide to Advancement 7.0.4.8).
Scouting America last updated this badge's requirements page on September 19, 2025.
Requirements change from time to time. Double-check scouting.org before you start.

Scout's name: _____ Unit: _____ Date started: _____

Counselor's name: _____ Phone no.: _____ Email: _____

Links marked "Scouting America resources" are the ones Scouting America shares on its official badge page.
Links marked "ScoutSmarts" open the matching part of Cole's guide. This workbook is unofficial and not endorsed by Scouting America.

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1. Do the following:

(a) Explain to your counselor the hazards you are most likely to encounter while using basketry tools and materials, and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, and respond to these hazards.

Scouting America resources: Cutting Tool Safety (video) · Hand Tool Safety (video) · Health and Safety Tips for Basket Weavers (PDF)
ScoutSmarts: Requirement 1a explained

Basketry hazards

Hazard (tool or material)	How I anticipate and help prevent it	How I mitigate and respond

(b) Discuss the prevention of and first-aid treatment for injuries, including cuts, scratches, and scrapes, that could occur while working with basketry tools and materials.

Scouting America resources: How to Treat Cuts & Scrapes | First Aid Training (video) · **ScoutSmarts:** Requirement 1b explained

Basketry injuries

Injury	How to prevent it	First-aid treatment
cuts		
scratches		
scrapes		

Other injuries that could happen, and how to prevent and treat them

Requirement 1 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

2. Do the following:

(a) Show your counselor that you are able to identify the following types of baskets: plaited, coiled, ribbed, and wicker.

Scouting America resources: What Are the Four Types of Baskets? (website) · Historical Types of Baskets (video)
ScoutSmarts: Requirement 2a explained

Types of baskets

Type	How I can tell it apart
plaited	
coiled	
ribbed	
wicker	

(b) Describe three different types of weaves to your counselor.

Scouting America resources: How to Start a Coiled Basket (video) · Making a Ribbed Basket (video) · Weaving a Plaited Bsket (video)
ScoutSmarts: Requirement 2b explained

Three types of weaves

Weave	What it looks like and how it is done

Requirement 2 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

3. Plan and weave the following projects:

ScoutSmarts: Requirement 3 explained

(a) Square basket

Scouting America resources: Bamboo Basket Tokari Weaving (video)

Date started _____ Date finished _____ Size _____

My plan: materials, tools, and steps

Sketch of my square basket (draw here or attach)

(b) Round basket

Scouting America resources: How to Make a Rustic Round Basket out of Wild Vines (video) · Round Reed Basket (video) Cherokee Basket Weaving (video)

Date started | Date finished | Size

My plan: materials, tools, and steps

Sketch of my round basket (draw here or attach)

(c) Campstool seat

Scouting America resources: Weaving a Camp Stool (video) · Learn to Rope Your Chairs (video) How to Weave a Wooden Chair Step by Step (video)

Date started | Date finished | Seat size

My plan: materials, weave pattern, and steps

Sketch of my weave pattern (draw here or attach)

Requirement 3 completed on | counselor initials

Counselor sign-off

Your counselor signs your blue card or approves the badge in Scoutbook, and your unit records it. This line is for your own records.

Counselor's signature | Date completed

Official Scouting America resources

Scouting America resources: Basketry merit badge page (requirements and resources) · Basketry merit badge pamphlet (free PDF) All merit badges · **ScoutSmarts:** Basketry Merit Badge Guide

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