



a natural state

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Video 2: Basket Process, Part D: Finishing

Basket: Now you're going to take this long piece of raffia that you have left, and you're going to wrap it tight. The stitches do not have to touch. The longer you wrap this, the longer your handle's going to be. I can't wrap any more, I have to end it. You just push it through here, get another piece, we'll finish wrapping it. When we finish wrapping, it's going to go up one way, but you have to twist it and curve it back over the other way. That makes the handle stand up.

This is a simple handle that I figured out how to do. Let's wrap this a little bit more. Okay. You bend it up one way and you curve it over the other way. Like this. Usually, you have a little bit more here, but you secure it onto this side exactly opposite by taking your several stitches in one place. Okay.

...[indecipherable] That's several stitches. And then you're just going to stitch over here, and stitch it all down. And then it's done.

You need to clean it up though. You've got to remember craftspersonship. And then you, too, can have a kudzu basket. There you go.

If there were taller sides, it would look more like this. You can shape it any way that you want to.