

Bennett, Mary Jane

## 6. Bennett identifies and gives the usage for the baskets she makes (03:18)

**M.J. Bennett:** Just like anything else, you know, you give them a name. Mostly what you use it for, then you give it a name for it. *<Holds up a basket>* This the coaster set. This is something nice to have for entertaining. *<Begins to take out smaller baskets>* Not only entertaining, but home use, 'cause everybody in the summertime, they use a lot of water and you can take this and set anywhere with your glass and put your glass in it. And you can put your pitcher, or your bottle, or your soda, or your wine bottle, whatever...in it. And you can have this to put your hors'dourves in, you know, the big tray, and you c-can set these aside *<begins to place smaller baskets back into larger basket>* and when you're finished you can store it back in it. Everyone go back into place. And it fit neatly back in place. And this is your coaster set. And this can serve an-on your patio and the house. Water doesn't hurt it. You can even take it on your yacht boat. Anyway, water doesn't hurt it. *<Picks up a hot pad>* This little [gidget] just a hot pad. You can take your pot right off the stove and set it on it. You can set it on your table, put a hot dish on it. Put anything cool or wet on it, on your table. It will absorb the dampness and the heat doesn't burn it and it-only way it's burned, *<pretends to light a match and hold it to the hot pad>* you strike a match to it and hold it to it-like flame fire. But anything hot doesn't hurt it. *<Holds up another basket>* This, a fruit basket, you can use it for bread basket, you can use it for a fruit basket, you can use it for a casserole dish, or whatever. You can put a hot dish in it and tote it 'round by the handle. You can put buns and roll in it. You can put fruit in it and use it on the table for center table. Christmas time, you can use it for cards and decoration. *<Places the basket down and points to another one>* And that one over there also's a collection plate. You could use that for the same thing as you use this for *<raises another basket>*. *<Picks up another basket>* This is a handbag. It's deep and the handle attached can't fall off. And you can use it for a pocketbook. You can use it for a sewing basket and you can use it just for decoration. You can use it for flowers. If you wanted, you could set it down like that *<places the basket on the table>*. Put your long-stemmed flowers in it. Dry flowers arrangement and let it come up to top. Or else you can just use it for a handbag or sewing basket. You even can use it to take your sandwich out as a little lunch if you go on a picnic or something.