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Video 11: Kudzu Basket - A. Select Materials

So, the first thing I do, I select the base of my basket. So, I just I go through the bunch of vines and pick out a piece that I think is going to be the right piece for me to use to starting the basket. So I select this piece right here. And I use my pruning shears to cut it (in half). What I do is, unravel it. This is the fun part. Unravel it and stuff like this. So I select this piece for my base, the base of my basket. What I do is, I select a piece long enough, so that I can get four legs out of it for the base of my basket. So, so I even it up, and I bring the legs together and I take my little shears and I cut it even so so where I can have four pieces just alike. So I get four pieces that are just alike. And I kind of flex them a little bit because they are real flexible. I just flex them a little bit to get them in shape so I can start my basket.