

Basketry: Mountain grass

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Step 1) "Haravola" is an extraordinary tough type of grass. It is so tough that it is not suitable as feeding for the cattle— but rather as an material for making sturdy crafts. The grass is wild growing and very common around the village Behenjy. It is harvested by hand.



Step 2) The grass is sundried, then plaited.



For the making of *Art nr 21141 Basket XGM plaited squares green* half of the mountain grass used is dyed so to get a darker green. The dyes used are certified Oeko-Tex. Sundried raffia palmleaves have been folded around the edge of every bunch of mountain grass when plaiting. This in order to give contrast in the pattern. The soft, naturewhite raffia palmleaves have also been used for trimmings at the top and the bottom of the basket. This makes the basket more comfortable to carry, stronger ..and more beautiful. The handles are made of ecologically tanned leather (tanning is done with lime and chopped Mimosa leaves). To increase strength, the leather in the handles is doubled and fixed with 4 rivets on each side.

Result!



For the making of *Art nr 2525 Chapeau Haravola*, only mountain grass (and a thin string for finishing the edge of the brim) is needed.



Art nr 2114 Basket XGM Plaited squares
Leather handles. H=35cm Colours: Nature green Haravola with raffia coloured navyblue (picture), caramel, khaki or naturewhite raffia palmleaves.



The serie of three baskets, photo in Behenjy.
Art nr 21141 Basket XGM Plaited squares green Leather handles. H=35cm
Art nr 21142 Basket GM H=30cm
Art nr 21143 Basket MM H=25cm



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