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Video 2: Basket Process, Part C: Building Sides

Basket: What I'm going to do now is start up the side. You take the tail and you lay it directly on top of the coil that you just made. This stitches the seam. You stitch into the base only for the first row. When you get the second row on here, then you stitch into the first row. The third row stitches into the second row.

A lot of my students will try to take it and go clear here into the base, and you just don't need to do that. Whatever's right here underneath the tail, that's what you bite into with that needle. When it's too short, remember, just push it down through here, and then all these little pieces here we have to cut off later. That's craftpersonship.

Get you another piece here. I'm going to go up the side just a little bit more, and then I'm going to show you how to make a handle. You can build these up as tall as you want to, but some only get short sides. But short...a short-sided basket is called a tray.

There're all different shapes you can make. Your basket does not have to look like mine.

Okay, I've gone around about twice. So if you're going to make a handle, figure out where you want to go. I want to go right in the middle.

This isn't long and thick enough, so I'm going to take some longer, thicker pieces, like this, and feed the tail. I'm going to anchor it securely with three or four stitches in the same place.