



DARK LACQUER PACK BASKET

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c. 1900 • Southeast Asia • Lacquer, Reed • Collection #CBH013 W: 9.75" D: 9.75" H: 18.25"

Basket making is an ancient and humble craft, but in the hands of a skilled weaver a simple willow basket can become a truly beautiful work of art. This tall, dark pack basket from southeast Asia wonderfully showcases the artisan's mastery of this craft. Reinforced by a wooden base, the basket is tightly woven of thin reeds in an even, rhythmic pattern. Any remaining gaps were then filled with lacquer to create a watertight seal and accentuate the twill patterning. The round lid is woven with a mesmerizing hexagonal pattern trimmed by a simple plait. Continued...

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Loops fitted into the basket sides indicate it was designed to be slung on the back for transporting food and goods. Rich with character, the basket remains in remarkable condition - a testament to its craftsmanship.

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