

# ***Andalusia. Baskets made with olive rods***

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# 1.Craft characteristics

- Name: Andalusian baskets made with olive rods.
- Category: Vegetable fibres
- Country: Spain
- Provided by: UMA
- Source: Internet and Youtube.



## 2.The technique

- This artisan process is very complex. When the olive branches harvest start in summer, artisans clean the sticks from leaves and they classify them.
- In the tissue process the artisans place sixteen pairs of star-shaped double crochet. The pairs are tied and surrounded with other thinner sticks to form the base on which the "ribs", or pairs of cages, in the form of a cage, which serve as a guide to form the basket wall are placed.
- Once the wall is made, the edge and the handle are worked.



### 3.Used materials

- Green olive branches are the only main materials used for this purpose. The olive branch is generally not stored, being used immediately after harvesting, after allowing it to dry for a few days.



## 4.History

- This is an ancient handicraft worked in Andalusia for centuries, since this region has always been plenty of olive trees.
- For a long time, andalusian olive tree dayworkers used this practical baskets to carry their amounts of olives and other farm products.
- Nowadays baskets have been replaced with mechanic techniques, but fortunately there are some artisans who keep the tradition.



## 5. Youtube videos

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3GEdFq-fxA> A full process documentary to make a basket.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnOBgKoaCVg> A veteran artisan from Gaucín makes a basket.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tGXeQBAsRM> A documentary about general basketry.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiLeNKKgawc> A video about a basketry artisan in the Canary Islands.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O01VeQxjznU&t=76s> A veteran man tells his stories as a basketry artisan.

# 6.Gallery

