



FISHERMAN'S BASKET

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c. 1900 • Hebei, China • Willow • Collection #BJFF083P

H: 23.0" Dia: 16.5"

Basket making is an ancient and humble craft, but in the hands of a skilled weaver a simple willow basket becomes a truly beautiful statement. The artisan's mastery is evident in this early 20th century bent handle basket: the strong, flexible willow strips are skillfully intertwined into a delicate pattern and the wider bands of the handle are simply bent. A square of cloth was affixed to the bottom as a final touch. Its sweeps offer offer an architectural counterpoint to the more linear reeds. The basket has achieved great character over time, but remains in remarkable condition as a testament to its craftsmanship. Continued...



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