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Bog Pine Pouch (The Groove)

Woven basket in salix rubra and wood of pinus sylvestris.

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Measurements

19.25"H x 31"W x 20"D

Reference #TheGroove





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I now look to nature for instruction and ideas. Thus I find myself looking at lichen covered twigs or at three thousand year old bog pine uncovered in the digging of peat and wonder how I can incorporate them into my baskets. In the same way tree holes, oddly shaped branches, bark which has healed after a wound awaken in me a desire to appreciate the ever-changing phenomena before us. The poet Mary Oliver asks "how can we ever stop looking" but of course we do stop looking; we stop being amazed and appreciative and so in my making I am interested in deepening my own looking and hopefully perhaps, that of others also.

- Joe Hogan, *Basketmaking in Ireland*, 2001