

## 'Elemental' – coiled basket by Miriam Gardiner

### *Materials*

Juncus kraussii reeds gathered from the Swan River

Fodder (Lucerne hay and barley)

Indian Lovegrass (introduced wild grass)

Recycled skewers

Copper wire

Cotton, waxed linen and woollen thread

This basket pays homage to the essential mineral copper –the building block of all life. One can read the basket from the base up....much like layers of sedimentary rock.....

Colours used in the stitching also reflect this (copper sulphate - white and Verdigris, the green pigment copper attains when exposed to the elements)

The construction is hand stitched coiling, which starts as a spiral - another symbol of life beginning.

The woven copper covered heart-shaped symbols decorating the rim suggest a 'strengthening of heart' – it is known that severe copper deficiency results in heart abnormalities....The basket is also much stronger than it looks – it's foundation a source of strength – the carrier of an inner power we all possess.

113.5cm diameter x 23.5cm height