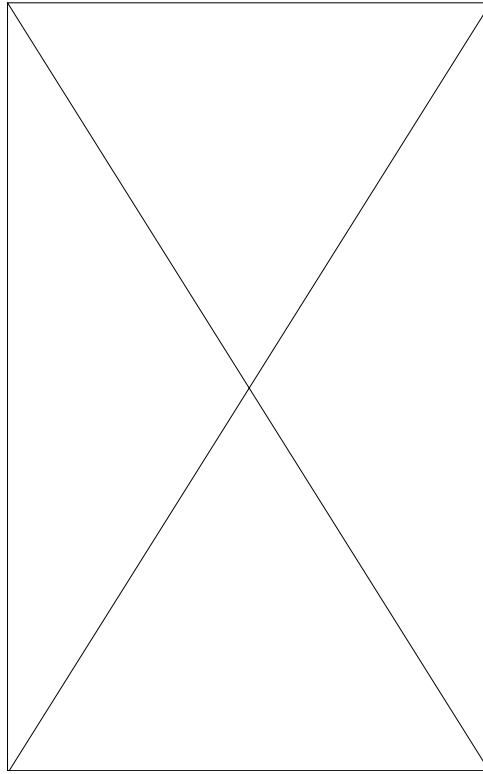


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General structure of a coiled basket. Bundles of flowering stems (culms) of deergrass (**Muhlenbergia rigens**) were commonly used by the Cahuilla and other tribes for the foundation (primary coils) of the basket, around which the secondary coils were tightly wrapped. Basketbush (**Rhus trilobata**) was commonly used for the secondary coils, with intricate designs made from brown coils of rush culms (including **Juncus acutus**, **J. effusus**, **J. lesueurii** and **J. textilis**). Sometimes the rush culms were dyed to produce various color patterns. Other plants were also used for basketry in the American southwest, including willow (**Salix**), beargrass (**Nolina microcarpa**), yucca (**Yucca elata**) and devil's claws (**Proboscidea parviflora**).

J. textilis