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Abstract

The Basket from Vorbasse

*The Vorbasse-basket, found at the Iron Age settlement at Vorbasse, is the only complete basket from Prehistoric Denmark. There has not been much, if any, attention amongst archaeologists on this remarkable found, left in the shadows of the longhouses at the well-preserved and long-lasting settlement at Vorbasse. The Vorbasse-basket was found in a well dated to 425 AD which is the same timeframe as the nearby dwellings. The technique of the basket is binding or spiral-binding, known back to the Neolithic in Europe. It is made of willow (*salix spp.*), guelder-rose (*Virburnum opulus*) and holly (*Ilex aquafolium*). A skilled basket maker will use around 110 hours to bind this basket. The use is unknown, but it could have been used when cleaning grains.*

