

Skillscape Rush job



These freshwater rushes, woven by Julie Pavitt into a log basket, come from Holland. She is one of six weavers at Waveney Rush Industry at Oulton Broad, Suffolk, Britain's largest producer of hand-made rush mats and baskets. The local Norfolk Broads rushes grow too thick for weaving because of the chemical fertilisers that seep off the land Photograph: Rob Howarth