

# THE HOOK UP

A monthly newsletter from cat house rugs  
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As rug hooking enthusiasts, we are dedicated to teaching and promoting the art of rug hooking.  
**THE HOOK UP** is our way of keeping you updated on the latest news from **Cat House Rugs** studio.

Please forward this newsletter to anyone who enjoys rug hooking as much as we do.

(written by Mary E. Silva)

## TIP OF THE MONTH

**Warm up the cold winter months with a hooked rug project on your lap! Now is the time of year – no gardening or outdoor activities - to get back into the swing of things with a new rug hooking project. We have several great workshops scheduled in January, including Braiding Class, Proddy Class and our ever-popular Dye Class. Call to arrange a workshop or just stop by to plan your next rug. Lay a fire in fireplace and cozy up to your favorite TV show or movie with a wool rug on your lap frame!**

## FEATURED RUG

**Title: Matthew's Zebra Rug**

**Artist: Linda Bourne**

**Design by: Matthew Hunt**

**Size: 48" X 70"**

**Cut: #3, #6**

**Hooked with: wool on linen**

This is a most unique and exciting rug hooked for a special son. Linda Bourne hooked this rug from specific instructions by her son, Matthew, who has an eye for design and color. Matthew has had a career in the fashion industry in New York City and in Los Angeles and worked for such well know designers as Donna Karen and Isaac Mizrahi.

There were a few challenges for Linda when hooking this rug. First, the sheer size was somewhat intimidating – nearly 4ft. X 6ft. Then getting the colors right wasn't as easy as you might think. Jyl dyed the acid-lime green for the border several times before finally asking our friend, Michele Micarelli to match it to a small piece of tissue paper that Linda had. We found that using Cushing Dyes wouldn't work, but Michele found a Pro-Chem formula that did. It took nearly two yards of the green to complete the border. The black and white zebra stripes incorporated several blended shades of wools to achieve the right effect.

Actually the creation of this rug was a family affair, with Linda's husband Jim transferring the pattern onto the foundation for her. Linda worked on this rug for about a year, and when she finished it she flew out to L.A. to personally deliver it to Matthew. Needless to say he was overwhelmed with it. Just what he had envisioned!



## THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

During the month of January, all remaining Christmas/Holiday patterns are 20% off. We still have a good selection of holiday coasters, door pulls and rug patterns in many sizes, styles and foundations. Get a jump on next year's holiday project!



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