

THE HOOK UP

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CAT HOUSE RUGS MAY, 2006

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

Are you overwhelmed when it's time to color plan a new rug? Jyl and I often ask students to bring along fabric swatches or photos of rooms in colors that they like. This helps to organize a color plan for your hooked piece. Another good way is to use the resource books we have here at the studio or to study art books at the library or ads in magazines. Notice color combinations and color values and the way color is arranged on the page. Use these principles in your rugs! The featured rugs were all designed by Patsy Becker and hooked by different artists. Each used completely different color plans and all three work!

FEATURED RUGS

Title: Little Crewel
Artist: Debbie Mcinnis
Design by: Patsy Becker
Size: 24" X 36"
Cut: #6 cut

Hooked with: Wool on linen

Debbie had a little help color planning this rug and fought with us about the butter yellow accents. Now she understands the use of contrasts. Jyl says no more "hook by number" - she's got it and just needs to use it!



Title: Little Crewel
Artist: Jill Crompton
Design by: Patsy Becker
Size: 24" X 36"
Cut: #6 cut

Hooked with: Wool on linen

This was one of Jill's first rugs and it is lovely. She has a rather ambitious one underway now - a very large hall runner. Go, Jill!



Title: Little Crewel
Artist: Sally Bingham
Design by: Patsy Becker
Size: 24" X 36"
Cut: #6 cut

Hooked with: Wool on linen

Sally's version of this rug is alive with the electric colors of spring and early summer. It seems appropriate to her sunny disposition.



THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

During the month of May all Patsy Becker patterns in stock are on 20% off. If you aren't familiar with this designer - come in and take a look. She has wonderful designs and hand draws them on top quality linen foundation. There is a good selection in stock waiting for you to hook!



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