

THE HOOK UP

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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.

MAY CLASSES

MAY 6, 13, 20, & 27 – Evening Class for Beginning to Intermediate, Tuesdays 6 to 8pm.

MAY 17 – Dye class – Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, limited to 4 students.

MAY 23 & 24 – Woolly Weekend Proddy Footstool Class – Friday, noon to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 4pm

MAY 1 & 15 – Open Hooking at the shop until 8pm. Bring your bag lunch or dinner.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Many of the old rugs have the best designs. I have had the great opportunity to restore many wonderful antique pieces. With every restored rug I take pictures not only for my records but for design ideas. Before adapting the design it is important to research the pattern to make sure the copyright has expired or that no other designer has purchased a copyright. To map out a design, I prefer to draw on paper first. After I have finished drawing my pattern, I tape the paper pattern to a table then I pin white netting (toile) to the pattern. I trace the pattern onto the netting using a permanent marker (I prefer Rub-a-Dubs). To begin the permanent pattern I draw my border lines on my backing being careful to stay on the straight of the grain. The netting is then positioned and pinned onto the backing and I trace the pattern again using a permanent marker.

FEATURED RUG

Title: Bob's Geometric Star

Artist: Bob Wiseman

Adapted by: Bob Wiseman

Size: 48" x 45"

Cut: #8

Hooked with: Wool on Monks Cloth

Bob is also a talented wood worker, but a slip on a table saw a couple of years ago left him with two reattached fingers. In therapy the nurse told him to rub sandpaper on his fingers to regain feeling. Bob showed her his rug hooking and asked if the burlap was rough enough, she said it was great. Bob continued to hook his rugs through the pain and stiffness of healing and today has made a complete recovery. Congrats Bob on another fine piece!

Everybody in his beginner class hated him. He came back after his first week with his entire beginner piece finished. Thus began Bob's fruitful Hooking career. That was the spring of 2003. Since then Bob has hooked over 65 rugs! Bob has only hooked two commercial designs; the rest of the patterns he hooked were either original designs or adaptations of antique patterns. Bob is from Corydon, Indiana and just recently retired as a heavy machine operator. He and his wife and daughters scout the thrift shops for wool. His wife Mary helps by doing some overdyeing, but mainly the wool is used as is.



THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

10% off all over dyed swatches


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