

# THE HOOK UP

## A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CAT HOUSE RUGS APRIL, 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

**Texture!** You can't have enough. Texture is the effect that patterned wools have when hooked into your rug. It can be a "subdued" texture – using wool that has subtle pattern like a small check or herringbone, or a "bold" texture – using a large pattern like a large check, plaid or stripe. Textured wools give greater depth to your piece. Sometimes a single texture will suffice but mixing coordinated textures together can give a rich, lively effect. Be especially careful to cut cleanly on the grain of the fabric when using textured wools to prevent the strips from pulling apart.

### FEATURED RUG

**Title:** Northern Neighbors  
**Artist:** Jyl Clark  
**Design by:** Deanne Fitzpatrick  
**Size:** 48" X 28"  
**Cut:** #8  
**Hooked with:** wool on linen

Here is a wonderful pictorial rug that Jyl has just completed. She began the rug after the holidays and finished it in only ten weeks – a record for Jyl! She used mostly recycled textured wools (as-is and over-dyed) with only two small areas of "flat" or solid color wools for the coats the man and lady are wearing. Everyone comments on the cobblestones at the base of the rug. She used a khaki drab over-dye on light neutrals and hooked them in a small circular fashion giving a 3-D effect.

This rug was hooked to commemorate Jyl's trip to Nova Scotia last summer for the ATHA Biennial. She was inspired by Deanne Fitzpatrick's rugs and wanted to depict a scene reminiscent of the cobblestone streets and villages around the Halifax area. Deanne is well known for her story rugs. Jyl had fun with it and it is now hanging on the wall here at the Cat House. Come and see it – the photo really doesn't do it justice.



### THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

During the month of April all English Plaids will be 20% off (minimum 1/4 yard pieces). We have a good stock of new plaids and these make wonderful textures in your rugs.



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