

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

Remember to “answer back” your colors as you color plan your rugs. This rug is a good example of color distribution for good design. When you have a bold central design on a dark background, it’s important to “answer back” some of the central colors to the outer border. Primitive designs usually call for hooking an outline around the elements, so the border can offer a chance to distribute colors around the rug, allowing your eye to take in the whole rug without focusing on only one element.

FEATURED RUG

Title: Welcome Cats

Artist: Jean Geswein

Design by: Vermont Folk Rugs

Size: 40” X 24”

Cut: #6

Hooked with: wool on Monk’s cloth



This whimsical little rug was the first piece that hooker Jean Geswein made after taking a beginner class with Jyl. Jean is an elementary school teacher from Palmyra, Indiana, and became interested in rug hooking because of a few older rugs she had which needed some restoration. As she learned more about these rugs, she decided to learn to make some for herself.

Jean told me that her challenges with this piece were the eyeballs and faces of the cats. With Jyl’s guidance she learned to keep the faces in perspective and distribute her colors throughout the rug. Jean finds it enjoyable to work at home on winter evenings and she loves the open hooking sessions at the Cat House on Wednesday evenings. She says “the camaraderie of fellow artisans is relaxing and inspirational and gets my creative juices flowing.”

Jean’s current piece is a NASCAR commemorative rug for her son. From primitive to racy. What a change!

THIS MONTH’S SPECIAL OFFER

During the month of June, all the patterns from Vermont Folk Rugs will be 15% off. If you like hooking primitive designs come in and take a look at our extensive collection from Laurilyn Wiles.



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