

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

Be on the lookout for good embellishments for your hooked pieces, especially those that will not be used on the floor as rugs. When I am antique shopping, I'm always keeping an eye out for antique harness bells to use for door pulls like the ones featured in this newsletter. Other obvious additions for your pieces could be feathers, buttons, beads, ribbons, etc. Be creative and think outside the box. While it isn't practical to include three-dimensional features on floor rugs, these little additions make for interesting and attractive highlights for small pieces like pillows, handbags and wall hanging.

FEATURED RUG

Title: Santa Door Pulls
Artist: Theresa Johnson
Design by: Mary Silva
Size: 4 1/2" X 18"
Cut: #4, #6 cuts
Hooked with: wool on Monk's cloth

Once again I am featuring the hooking of the most prolific hooker I know – Theresa Johnson. You may recall that last year Theresa hooked 17 beautiful initial pillows for her family members, as well as six Old-World Santa Stockings for her children. Well this year her holiday treat will be Santa Door Pulls. Here are a few of them, all standing at attention with their antique brass harness bell at the bottom. These little pulls are made to hang over a door knob and the bell announces the arrival of a friend as she walks through the doorway.

These pieces do require a bit of finish work: Theresa sewed a backing fabric (usually the plaid wool she used to hook the background) to the front and slid a plastic form between the front and back. She then whipped the edges around the piece with wool yarn dyed to match. The hangers were made of braided yarn and applied to the top corners. She used interesting buttons to embellish the hangers. All in all they make great little gifts and really don't take too long to complete.

We're all curious to see what next year's gift will be for her lucky family members.



THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

During November at Cat House Rugs, Christmas Door Pull Patterns are on sale for 20% off the regular price. Gear up for the holidays and hook a few stockings for family and friends. They're fast, easy and fun (just like me).



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