

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.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Stretch your creative self – try something different than you usually hook. Find a pattern (or better yet, design one of your own) and color plan it in a pallet that is different than you are accustomed to. You might be surprised with the results. And as Jyl says, “Don’t micro-manage your piece.” Trust your instincts and give it a try.

FEATURED RUG

Title: “Moonlight Santa”

Artist: Jyl Clark

Design by: Mary Silva

Size: 16” x 20”

Cut: #4, #6, and mohair yarn

This little holiday piece was a collaborative effort by Jyl and Mary last Christmas season. Mary had been hooking little tiles for beginner classes for the first few months the shop opened while Jyl feverishly taught scores of rookie hookers how to hook them. So when Mary designed Moonlight Santa she said, “Someone really needs to hook this piece to display it in the studio.” Jyl took the hint and hooked it, using colors that were totally unlike anything she had ever done. Since the design is so primitive, she chose antique hues of reds and golds with a dark background called “Vermont at Night.” She hooked Santa’s beard with mohair and sculpted the fur trim of his coat with a great



textured gold plaid. Santa appears cozy and warm in the cold night air as he harvests a snow covered tree.

By the way, did I mention that Jyl won the Sweepstakes Award for Christmas/Holiday Articles at the 2004 KY State Fair with this piece?

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

The annual **HOLIDAY SALE** will be Tuesday, December 7 – Saturday, December 11. All in-stock items, except books, will be 10 % off, and Rigby Cloth Strippers and blades will be 20% off.

Happy Holidays from Jyl and Mary



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