

# 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

Looking for a different backing for your hooked small piece? Try hooking on antique homespun wool. Look for old blankets at antique stores - you can find some good buys on them if they're somewhat damaged. Just cut out the part you can use for a pattern.

## FEATURED RUG

**Title:** "Old World Santa Stockings"

**Artist:** Theresa Johnson

**Design by:** Mary Silva

**Size:** 12" X 18"

**Cut:** #3, #4, and mohair yarn



Those of you who have the pleasure of knowing Theresa Johnson know she is one fast hooker. When she decides on a project she gets to work and finishes it before most of us can color plan a new piece. She has made six of these Old World Santa Stockings, most of them in about a day.

Theresa chose to work these stockings on an antique homespun woolen blanket that was given as a gift to Jyl's grandmother in 1922, the same year Theresa's mother was born. The blanket had some stains and some moth holes in spots but made an excellent backing for a small-cut hooked project.

These stockings were made for Theresa and Phill's children and spouses and will hang at the mantle in her family room. She worked the Santa's coats with various tartan plaids including her own family's Scottish tartan. The beard, mustache and eyebrows were hooked with a fine mohair yarn and the fur trim was sculpted with a three-cut wool. Because of the beautiful homespun backing, she did not need to hook the background. Alice Ann Pearce completed the project by assembling the front, back, cording and lining. Theresa said it was easy to complete – just ask Alice Ann!

## THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

During November at Cat House Rugs, **Christmas stocking patterns are on sale for \$15.75** (15% off the regular price.) Gear up for the holidays and hook a few stockings for family and friends. They can be completed in just a few days and they're really fun to hook.



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