

# THE HOOK UP

## A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CAT HOUSE RUGS

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. Each month THE HOOK UP will bring you a rug hooking tip, photo of a featured rug and a special offer from us. Please forward this newsletter to anyone who enjoys hooking as much as we do.

### TIP OF THE MONTH

When assembling a hooked pillow, hand sew cording along the edges after sewing the front and back together. This will hide any gaps that show along the seams.

### FEATURED RUG

**Title:** "Chase's Gramma"  
**Artist:** Ralph Hornung  
**Design by:** Chase Kayrouz  
**Teachers:** Jyl Clark and Mary Silva  
**Size:** 16" X 16"  
**Cut:** #3, #4, #5



**Story:** This fun and funky pillow was a gift of love for a special friend's birthday. Ralph wanted to give her friend Linda Emly a unique gift, so she asked Linda's grandson Chase, age 8, to draw a picture of his "Gramma" to be hooked into a pillow. It took some secretive planning and collaboration with Linda's daughter, Jennifer, to arrange the pencil drawing and to convince grandson Chase to keep a secret while she made the piece.

To transfer Chase's artwork onto her pattern, Ralph used a light box to trace it onto linen backing. She decided that bright colors would be appropriate for the piece to look like a child's pallet.

Beginning with the face, she used a three cut for the details and worked into larger cuts of four and five as she completed the hair and background. The teeth were hooked with a single little row of four cut white wool. The wool chosen for the hair was a looser weave texture that was somewhat difficult to hook but perfect for that frayed effect. The dark background was a wonderful bright purple plaid that brought all the other colors together.

To finish the pillow, Ralph chose a black brushed fringe for the edge and used a solid black upholstery weight fabric for the back of the pillow. She says always use a down pillow for fill and buy an oversize pillow form so that it fills the piece well (an 18" pillow form for a 16" finished piece). Down pillows just make a nicer, more comfortable pillow.

### THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

During October at Cat House Rugs, all **DiFranza initial pillow patterns are on sale for \$17.50** (15% off the regular price). These pillow patterns make wonderful holiday gifts, and since they're designed on "homespun" wool backing the background doesn't need to be hooked. The design is a beautiful monogram initial with a simple vine of flowers and leaves intertwined. They are fun and fast to complete.

Cat House Rugs is located on the corner of East Fifth and Elm in downtown New Albany.

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Wednesday: 10 am – 7 pm

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