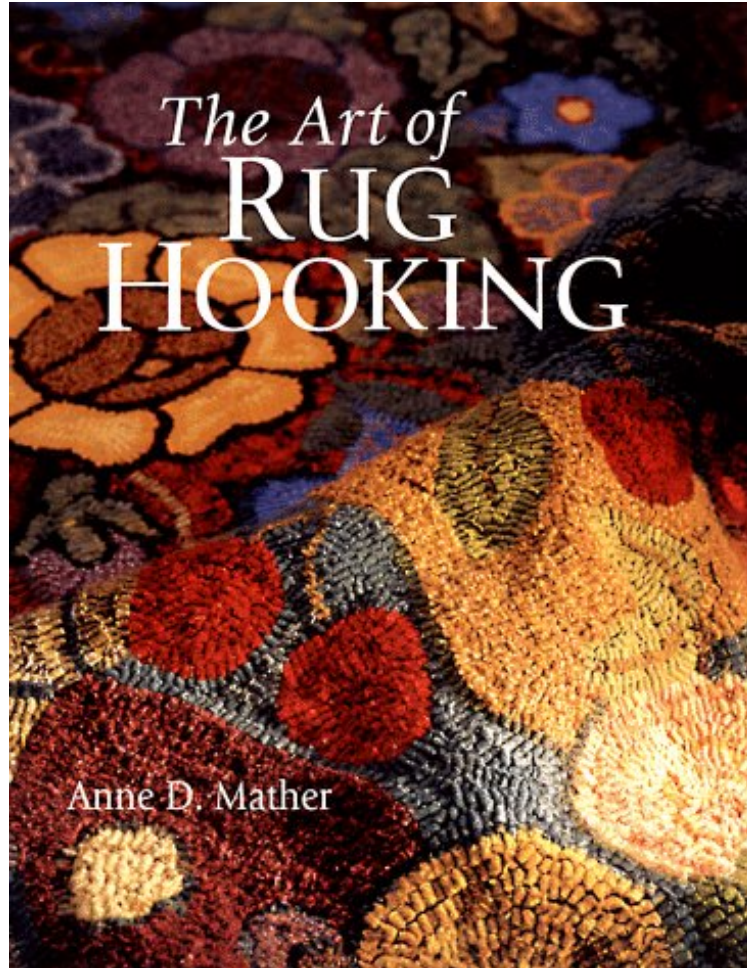


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Whether placed on the floor to muffle the sound of footsteps, or hung on the wall as a piece of art for all to admire, hooked rugs have a long and splendid tradition. Women would meet, sharing friendship as they worked, and they aimed for practicality even more than perfection. In primitive examples, rugmakers sometimes even changed colors in midstream when they'd run out! Pore through a magnificent gallery of color photos of rugs old and new, and then use these patterns and techniques to make your own. A complete primer fills you in on basic supplies (hooks, wool, and hoops); preparing your fabric elementary "stitches" and loops; and where to find patterns and design ideas. Follow the general "do's and don'ts" list to save time and effort; you'll find advice on when to cut wool where in the rug to begin hooking, how to fill in the design, and finishing off. There's even advice on how to display the finished product!

.com Hooked rugs add more than color and warmth to a room; they lend a great deal of charm. In the hands of a skilled artisan they may be rendered in great detail and with subtle patterning, but even a novice can accomplish a nice-looking project with a little practice. A gallery of delightful rugs sets the stage here, depicting everything from fruits and flowers to teapots, cabins, roosters, and dancing bears. The instructional section explains the supplies and general techniques, from preparing the strips of wool (thrift-shop finds are a great source of material) to color planning and dyeing your own wools, and, of course, the hooking process itself. The specific project section is a bit too brief (only three projects are presented in full) and the pattern section somewhat vague (it consists only of color photos of six designs and the line-drawn renditions thereof), but the primer of general techniques is certainly thorough enough to get you started if you're keen on the craft. --Amy Handy