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Rags To Rugs: Hooked And Handsewn Rugs Of Pennsylvania



Synopsis

Rug hooking has been part of American women's household tasks for a long time. In southeast Pennsylvania, frugal sewers saved and shared their textile scraps to create useful, pretty rugs, especially in the late 19th and 20th centuries. To document the region's hooked rug arts, The Heritage Center of Lancaster County conducted the Lancaster County Rug Harvest from 2004 to 2006, which culminated in their lavish exhibit, Rags To Rugs, Pennsylvania Hooked and Hand sewn Rugs, in 2007. This book serves as a permanent record of these rugs, the Rug Harvest, and the exhibit. The book documents each step and evolving techniques to design, make, sell, and use hooked rugs. It features regional details to look for and credit to many talented people who contributed to the art and its heritage. Over 170 color photographs display the designs, from abstract to botanical and pictorial, and illustrate the styles. Many families have shared this tradition in their homes and proudly display, use, and collect them today. They will find the descriptions here fascinating, and may be inspired to carry the skills forward to future generations.

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A very thorough treatment of the use and practice of rug hooking in Pennsylvania, with particular attention paid to the individuals who practiced it in its early days and to the various types of patterns used. This book was published as an accompaniment to a 2004 exhibition of hooked and handsewn rugs of Pa., photos of which also appear in the book. The book includes many photos of these rugs and their makers. A worthwhile purchase for those interested in the practice of this craft in its early days in the eastern U.S.

This book has some of the most beautiful rugs. It chronicles the journey of PA rugmakers and their fabulous works. Recommended.

Another great book for my library. As a teacher of traditional rug hooking I like to provide my students with good visual aids. It is always interesting to see what subject matter appealed to rug hookers in various parts of the country.

If you love rug hooking, and particularly early hooked rugs, you will love this book. It is well written and beautifully illustrated with early hooked rugs. I've never tire of looking at these wonderful rugs. This book would be a great addition to anyone's hooked rug library.

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