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WESTERN AUSTRALIA. -Wink.

I am working on a neutral rug for my wall at the moment, it is part of a group of rugs I have made inspired by the Dryandra National Park. There are beautiful white gum trees growing in the drier parts of our forest called Wandoo (Eucalyptus wandoo). The bark is shades of cream and grey with the occasional copper and pink tones. They shed their bark and it piles at the base of the tree in shards leaving an almost satin feel to the trunk. There is something magical about a Wandoo woodland, it has a different feel and smell to a typical eucalyptus forest. I am about a 1/3 finished and trying to find a bit of time each day to pull a few



Loops

Nine Important Facts

- Number 9 - Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- Number 8 - Life is sexually transmitted.
- Number 7 - Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Number 6 - Men have two emotions: hungry and horny, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- Number 5 - Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- Number 4 - Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- Number 3 - All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- Number 2 - In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Number 1 - Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today might burn your ass tomorrow.

...and as someone recently said:

- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long.

From Wal

Q. Why can't Dinosaurs clap their hands?

A. Because they are dead.

CANADA – NEWFOUNDLAND Patricia Parsons



The group The Happy Matters in the town of Grans Falls-Windsor., led by Christine

Next page left Elaine hooking with dyed pantyhose and right Margaret hooking a traditional "Hit and Miss" mat using yarn.

The group meet every Monday at their local library.

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SOMETHING YOU MAY LIKE TO LOOK UP.

Winifred Nicholson: Cumbrian Rag Rugs

<https://www.selvedge.org/blogs/selvedge/winifred-nicholson-cumbrian-rag-rugs?utm>



AUSTRALIA – SYDNEY

Dianne Finnegan,

I have just had cataract operation on both eyes and the difference is remarkable. I had not appreciated that I saw everything through grey with a yellow tinge. I think I will have to call my next exhibition True Colours. I am hesitating look at old ones in case I find I have not got the colour balance right. I had just finished a small piece with Japanese indigo fabrics. I had trouble because all the fabrics were dark and I had difficulty differentiating tone. Looking at it now, it is livelier than I realised.

AUSTRALIA – NEW SOUTH WALES Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers meeting day 7th February



Lots of innovative interesting work. Preparing for Milton Show on 7/8th March.

Left Rug completed by Janet, Steward in the Rug Section of the Show.

Below left Sue with her completed rug.

Right Anne's start of flowers





CANADA – NEW BRUNSWICK. Mary Alexander



"I don't think the new electric fence is engendering the fear we intended."

I could swear he is doing it wrong,
but since I dont own a boat, Im
going to keep my opinion to myself!
😂😂😂



AUSTRALIA – NEW SOUTH WALES - BATEMANS BAY - Ilka



I had this may the wrong way around last time, so now correct. and I also wanted to draw attention to how Ilka finished the edges by three rows of crochet.,

Below Sunflowers beside the lane to my home. Miriam



CANADA – NEW BRUNSWICK. Mary Alexander

The hat I made with a wool sweater I recycled and a piece off backing with a pattern I created to add to the hat.



. The fish mat is made with pieces of clothing from my family. It is over 2 feet wide and over 3 feet long. The water in this rug is proggy made with a blue bathrobe from my son David. The 16 fish are hooked. Each fish has material from my sons, grandsons and their partners. On Christmas Day I put their names in a bowl to pick a winner. Chase won the rug and there is a picture



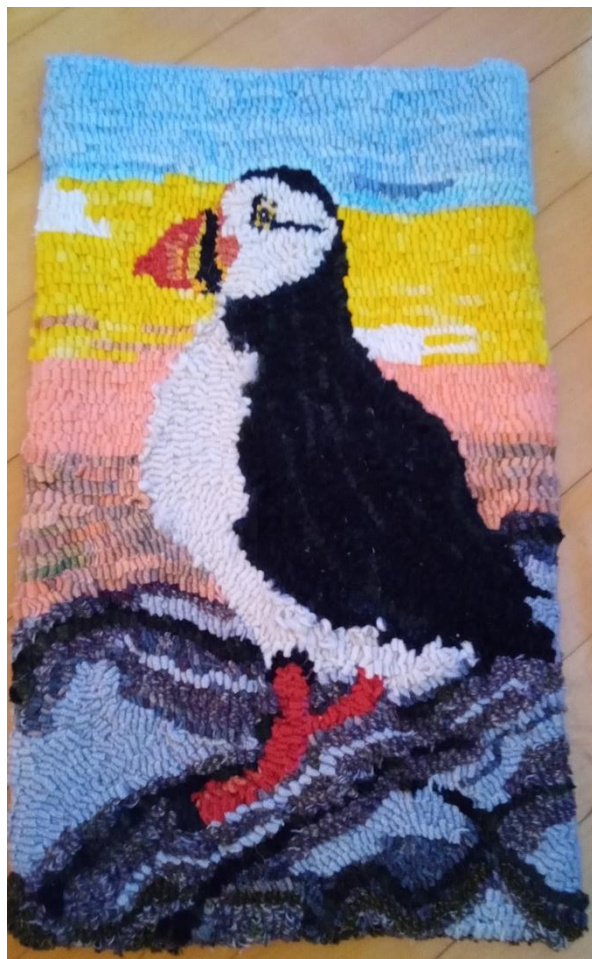
Clearer
photo of
rug.

AUSTRALIA -TASMANIA = Sheila



. This is a small quilted project that Sheila just finished. The pattern is laser cut into foam. Then you push the fabric into the foam. Fiddly, but no sewing involved

CANADA- NOVA SCOTIA. Sydney Forks Cathie.



I am participating in Winnie Glavine and Joelle Stanton, project for Tapestry of Pride for Canada Summer Games in Newfoundland.

I did one for province of Nova Scotia & a second one a puffin. So lovely to participate in a unifying positive project...

Right- view from Cathie's house.

AUSTRALIA -NEW SOUTH WALES. Milton Spinning group. Lynda

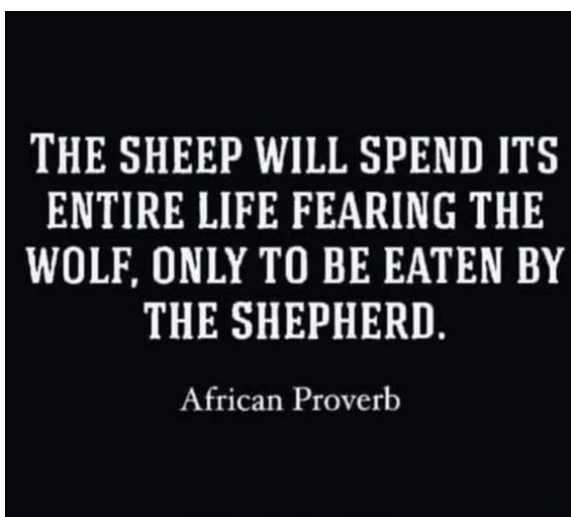
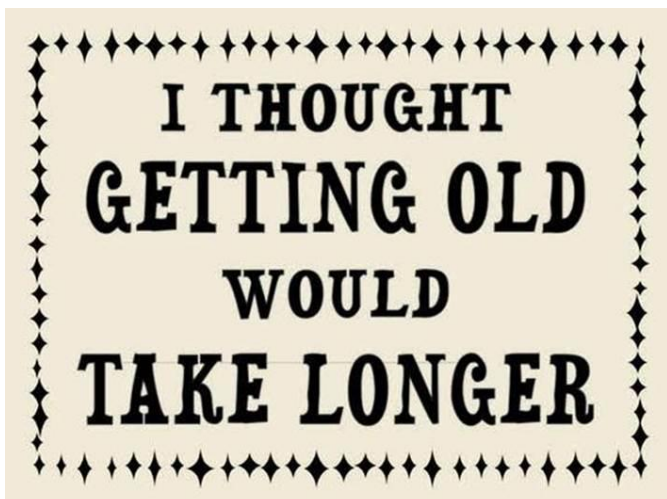
This granny square vest was a first attempt and although I followed the instructions, it became apparent that to make it look like the photograph I would need to use a smaller hook for all of the ribbing, so I made a second vest and it worked, gave it to my daughter, went back to the first one, unravelled the ribbing and hey presto, it's now a good fit. Lynda

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This brown vest is made from two pieces with open seams added to the shoulders and side seams. Tunisian crochet from a pattern by Abbeymade in natural fibre Arts Lux Sock Superwash merino. Lynda

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AUSTRALIA. SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Gai Dudley from Jo Franco

Here is a note from Gai Dudley, a solo rug hooker in South Australia This is her 3rd rug - the first one was amazing - I'll include an image of it as well. - love Jo

When I asked about this 3rd rug and the significance of the notations on the back this is what Gai said...

I love recycling all kinds of fabrics for hooking; this one still has a lot of my husband's old silk shirts, a couple of my cotton tops, and various bits I've collected.

It measures 77x41 cm, and it's a floor rug for the side of the bed: the first thing you sink your bare toes in when you wake up. This rug is all hand stitched. No latex!

As for the mud map on the back? I was working out ideas on an A5 drawing pad and came up with using all the letters of Bea's name as a grid. BEATRIX JUNO VULETIC DUDLEY. Her mother's father is Croatian. I wanted to somehow show that thinking process, so I just drew all those six steps on the felt backing, ending with the final plan. Then I chose the colours and how I'd use them one letter at a time as I hooked.



Left

First rug

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AUSTRALIA – NEW SOUTH WALES. Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers. 21st February.



Front and back of lizard rug made by Alana. Sorry not showing much of Alana. Made for granddaughter



AUSTRALIA – QUEENSLAND. Annette



I just finished another coiled basket, made with the knitting nancy. I used very thin crochet yarn to knit and as I go along filling the "hull" with raw wool. As the raw wool still is quite greased with lanolin it holds well together to give the basket structure. Every couple of centimetres I added some dyed wool roving to get the dotted effect. - (Just for fun: the length of the 'rope' measured almost 2 km! I kept stitching it together after every meter).

I had been given the raw wool a good while ago, not good for spinning, felting or anything else. Now I became addicted to doing this kind of craft. But my fingers and my mind are also yearning to get into rug hooking again. Will see what happens,
Annette

ENGLAND- CUMBRIA -Sue Gilmartin I AM INCLUDING A COPY OF THIS EMAIL, JUST TO GIVE YOU AN INDICATION OF INTERESTING ARTICLES THAT WILL BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Dear Miriam, Each month I say to myself that I really MUST put something into the newsletter. Having had a few " fallow" years I am back rugging with a passion. Mostly projects and workshops with the community. I now volunteer with the National Trust at Townend House in Troutbeck. Have replaced one of their vintage mats (1930s) with a new one. And about to set up a seat pad project with local waste into wellbeing cafe. See... these need an article written! On 13th I am going to a talk about Winifred Nicholson's Cumbrian Rag Rugs... should write about that, also. There will be an exhibition at Tullie House in Carlisle. Sue.

THE END.