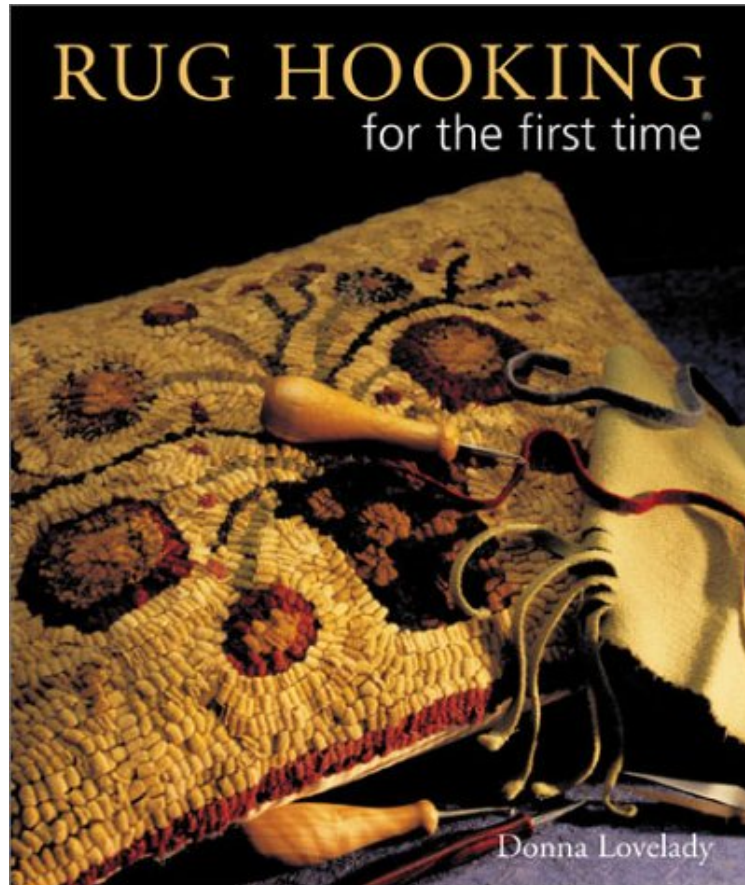


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decor-a Teddy Bear Pillow goes naturally with a matching Wall Hanging and Floor Rug. And there's a lot more, too, from table mats and purses to an unusually shaped Welcome Rug.

From BooklistOnce again, Chapelle Studios has its finger on the pulse of America, this time spotlighting the art of rug hooking. Californian Lovelady acts as guide, narrating via a familiar format of basics, techniques, questions and answers, and gallery of artists' examples. The work here, 24 projects as demonstrated through QAs, is definitely and defiantly primitive, reminiscent of the outsider art popularized in the last 10 or so years. There are all sorts of simple shapes, like hearts and bears and houses, as well as more complicated forms, such as a 3-D doll. Most are finished as rugs or wall hangings; a few--a ladybug purse, for instance--transcend "cuteness" into attractive utilitarianism. Everything's readied for the first-timer, from color photographs to information on hooks, frames, wools, and dyeing, among other topics. Just supply the actual materials. Barbara JacobsCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved