

MAGGIE WHYTE

Maggie has always been interested in textiles from embroidery to feltmaking.

For 10 years she taught various forms of hand embroidery preferring freestyle.

From 2005 – 2008 she was President of the Canberra Region Feltmakers and promoted handmade felt and exhibited in their Exhibitions.

In 2001 Maggie was inspired by Miriam Miller to become a rugmaker and since that time has produced rugs and wallhangings. portraits, abstract wallhangings and sculptures are of special interest to her and she often uses handmade, hand dyed felt in her work.

While at The International Guild of Handhooking Rugmakers (TIGHR) Conference, Strathalbyn, South Australia in 2012 Maggie was introduced to Judith Stephen's Chunky Rugmaker. Maggie decided that the Chunky Rugmaker would be great for using up scraps of felt left over from her felt flowers and rugs.

Since that time Maggie has created various bowls and jewellery and is now making a rug using proggy and chunky cord.



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The Chunky Rugmaker makes colourful rugs, sculptures, bowls, jewellery, soft toys and handles for tote bags and purses and can be integrated into proggy and hooky rugs. It is a great way to use up all our spare fabrics and scraps that we have left over when our rugs are finished.

At this workshop you will be able to make either a small bowl, mat or necklace and learn the basket stitch to give your item an extra edge. You may like to make a small circular hooky mat no more than 12cm wide so that you will be able to make a border for it. The yarn we use can be anything from rug wool, any yarns; even wire and string. Beads can be added. Scraps from your rug projects can be used. It is advisable to cut small scraps before the workshop.

Chunky Rugmaker tools will be available for use during the workshop and for sale after.

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