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NEW SOUTH WALES -Adaminaby Pam Gipson.

Rug knitted using up all oddments of wool, finished size 123cm x 123 cm.



NEWFOUNDLAND. -Dianne Warren.

The Poppy mat was finished in December, 2019, and donated to Trinity in memory of a lovely retired teacher, rug hooker, historian, Florence White. Trinity is a small outport community in Newfoundland with about 30 winter residents and a booming summer tourism industry, although this year would have been a challenge with covid-19 affecting travel. I do not yet know the final disposition of that mat, as it may be held until such time that tourism picks up again. The Winnie and Piglet mat was hooked this year, 2020 as a gift to my newest grandson, Henry. He was born early November, so just a little bundle these days. I drew this pattern from a picture of an old quilt, and made a number of



modifications. The colours in the alphabet begin with the letter it is hooked with, so A is Amber, B is Blue, all the way to Y is Yellow, Z is Zomp, and the label sewn to the back has the colours listed. Down the road a few years, he may find



it a bit educational, and maybe a little cosy. For now, he is just a wonderful joy. His brother Peter owns a mat of Peter Rabbit that was hooked a couple of years ago. He sometimes naps on his mat!



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Continued Dianne Warren

It has been a long year, and the energy to do anything has been scant. I hooked only one other item during the year, a house; it is the focus of a rag mat that was started by a local rug hooker. She has difficulty with details and wanted the house to look real. She was left to finish the background once I had hooked the main part. It is a pattern I had prepared for her a few years ago, done from an old photo.



In another year we are all hoping many of us will have received a vaccine, and that Covid-19 will be beaten back. We have been fortunate so far this year, with very few cases, but we know numbers can quickly grow if we are not careful. Most of us meet to hook in small groups of 2 or 3 people, and maintain distances. Others join Zoom groups to hook. We all wait patiently for the time to hook together in larger social gatherings.



After I finished Henry's mat, I wanted to do something quick, so a couple of people were working on the popular woolly pine trees. I made three of them, and instead of setting out the nativity scene, put together my little forest for the Christmas holidays. The first wool I cut up was done incorrectly, but rather than throw it out, I made a small tree. In the picture, the smallest tree has short fringes, so we can call it a spruce instead of a pine.

Dianne.

INTERNATIONAL RUG DAY 4TH DECEMBER. Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers – Milton N.S.W.



We celebrated International Rug Hooking Day on 4th December, our regular meeting day with 15 members present. (We are allowed 20 in a private home) and also enjoyed our Christmas lunch



Continued International Day Milton.

Rug by Sue Kasoulis.

NEW SOUTH WALES – Sydney- Jill Yates

I realise this is too late for Christmas but thought you might appreciate my wreath. Made with red and green fabrics from my stash, some green ribbons from my Mum who died some years ago and the gold mesh which I purchased. I am happy with the way I was able to work the fabric pieces into the mesh rather than hessian which would have been too heavy.



CANADA – Nova Scotia -Cathy Komourdjian



Finished a mat for my niece's wedding last June ...A John Leonard design from Honey BeeHive Patterns US.....Tree of life...added her wed date and initials mostly crewel and creative stitches.24 x 25 ...it took a lot of time mostly 3 cut...I am pleased with the results. Also finished the hooking on the Maud Lewis Tulips...linen 100% wool size 20 x 20 copyright Doug Rankin under licence from Art Gallery of Nova Scotia....just need to whip the edges. Cathy

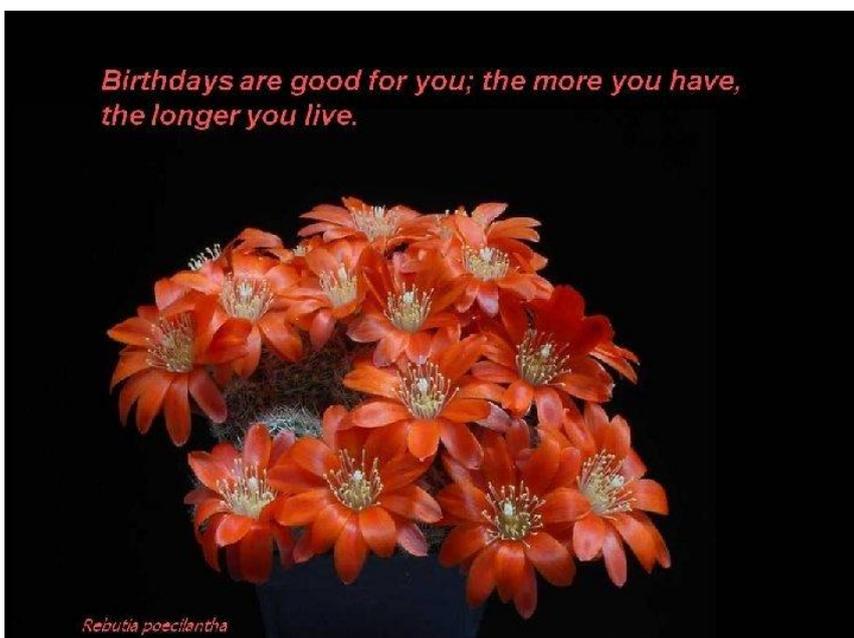


NEW SOUTH WALES – Eden -Beverley Smith.



Knitted rug.

- It's about 5 or 6 feet squared.



ENGLAND- Brighton- Katrina



Just finished my waistcoat. I repurposed a skirt. The design was inspired by Swedish embroidery (but not nearly as refined as the real thing). I am going to wear it on Christmas Day over a red dress.

JOKE.



THE END