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**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.** -Chris Chittleborough

My last rug I completed leading up to Christmas was a locker hook rug, done to specific size for a son who lives in Brisbane. It was the first time I tried the technique and quite enjoyed it. I posted it up to him. Very bright using the boys old single bed sheets. Here's a photo. I've yet to start the next rug project!



**ISRAEL -JERUSALEM** -Pamela Bar-on (5<sup>th</sup> January)

We are now under lockdown again for the 3<sup>rd</sup>. time with new cases spiraling up to 6000 per day!!!! last week. Vaccinations also well under way.....had mine last Thursday and due for 2<sup>nd</sup> shot in 3 weeks time as the supply keeps up.....

We keep up some limited close family visits in person, a great treat. Otherwise WhatsApp and Zoom help a lot with church activities and meetings but.....well, the bright sunny winter days are a joy .....



## QUEENSLAND – Kingaroy. Judith Brook



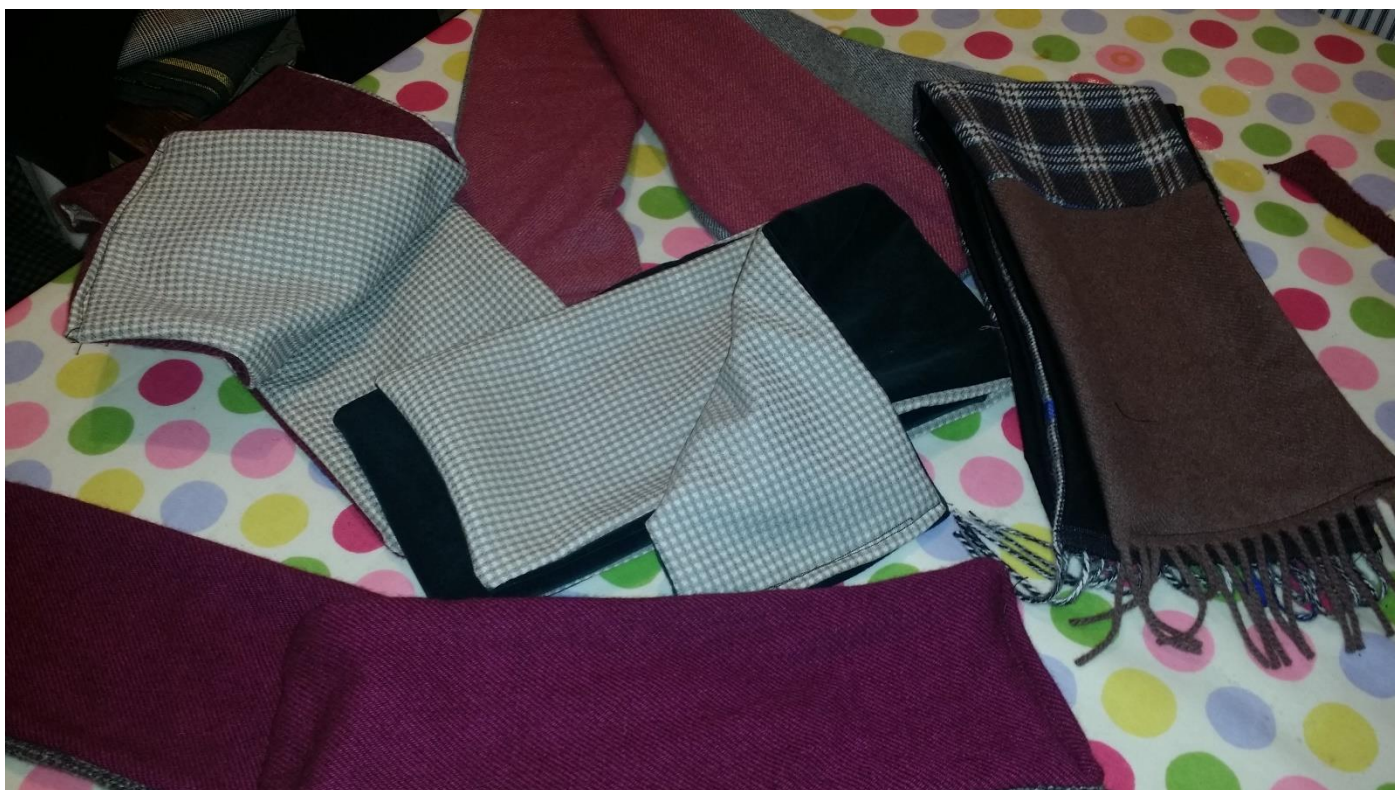
Made this version of “kiwi fruit “using wool from my stash.  
It’s about 45 x 34 cm I stretched it over a canvas frame.,



This nurse tea cosy is  
from The Big Book of Tea Cosies which I got for Xmas.

## ENGLAND – Hastings- Jayne Watkins

I have been busy sewing scarves as someone gave me a pile of suit fabric and I had some cashmere from Scotland.





## WESTERN AUSTRALIA – Ann-Marie Czichy



. I have moved to Christmas Island to teach English at the detention centre. It's a great experience. I brought my hessian and hooks with me and have decided to make a rug using the fabrics from the Malay and Chinese communities. I'm only using clothing used for cultural ceremonies which I thought would be a super idea. Most fabrics will be synthetic and I'd say may take me several years to complete. I'll keep you posted 😊

## QUEENSLAND - Annette White

As Danny, our youngest son, is still with us at Coolum Beach (his flight back to Sydney had been cancelled by Jetstar), we did some projects together. I always wanted to make a mosaic memorial plaque of our beagles, Sofie & Sally, for a small patch of the garden where they escaped to when they got the chance. Danny is a good drawer and designed the picture. I'm so happy about the outcome.





**CANADA. – Ontario** Susan Sutherland

Some of the women where I live are knitting twiddlemuffs for dementia patients. They are just straight knitting and then all sorts of doodads are sewn onto them. You can use all sorts of yarns with them which is fun and you can knit a variety of stitches too. Here's an article about them as well as a photo from our community. They are twiddlemuffs hooked by friends where I live in Foxboro Green and then are donated to various dementia related places.

cheers, Susan

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3029668/nb-women-knit-twiddlemuffs-ease-anxiety-for-seniors-with-dementia/>

**JAPAN – Eriko**

Dear Miriam,

Thank you for your January News Letter.

It's nice to see the picture of your friends gathering at your home. I hope to do the same here, but the situation is getting worse. We must stay at home, can't see friends, no lunch or dinner with friends!

So, I'm staying at home, and will probably start making the next piece.

Wishing you all the best.

Love, Eriko

## ENGLAND- BRIGHTON -KatrinaI



Here are my new hat and gloves, just finished yesterday. It is very frosty here so they will keep me warm.



I am wearing the waistcoat, and also a hat and mittens I knitted with the leftover wool from the waistcoat. The pattern for the hat and mittens was adapted from a book of Norwegian knitting designs. The waistcoat was made using a felting needle which bonds the coloured wool to the wool of the waistcoat itself.



# NEW SOUTH WALES – Milton – Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January.



Above – Bev working on her rug,

Above right Clair crocheting a bag

Below Miriam and her long wall hanging.





Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers continued.



Above Janet and Sue having a cuppa and a chat.

Below Margaret working on her first rug.





## IRELAND -Cork

Geraldine Barry.

Hi Miriam, sorry I won't be able to meet up with you at TIGHR this year, I was so looking forward to it. This is a crochet blanket I made for a gift for my sister's new baby. I loved the woodland theme and was happy it turned out OK. I then decided to do a rug, a standing wool rug I call this one my "Owl Fox Rug" I put extra fluffy wool for the fox's tail and finished the edge with crochet pom poms. Take Care Geraldine Barry. Ireland.





## NEW SOUTH WALES. Milton – Jeannie Martin.



### Baby Cardigan

Bendigo Cotton  
10 ply.

Knitted from the top  
down. Cast on  
stitches on circular  
needle.

Lovely to knit.

## QUEENSLAND -Landsborough – Ken and Judi

Although these aren't rugs...they are part of the world of fibre, not as wool...but plant fibre as milled timber and bark (cork). Two headboards made by Ken....

The first one made from Pine and Bloodwood - milled on-site from our trees...the headboard is over 2 Mts wide for a king bed and the uneven top edge was cut to illustrate the Glasshouse Mountains in profile.

The most recent headboard...also for a king bed was made from recycled pine boards and cork (as the background).

Both are hung on the wall (like large pieces of art).



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Continued Ken headboard.



**CANADA. Ontario** -Northumberland Rug Hookers.

Hello! Here is a snippet of info on our group, the Northumberland Rug Hookers, from Northumberland County, Ontario, for your newsletter.

With Covid things have slowed down a lot and we aren't able to meet in person. We had a window of opportunity in December when restrictions were eased to allow small groups to congregate outdoors, so we

took advantage of it and held a Tailgate Party at a Cobourg Park. The temperature hovered around freezing but we kept warm with hot chocolate, coffee, tea and cookies. There was lots of excited chatter as we met up with friends we hadn't seen in a while. It was all handled in a socially distant (and masked) manner. Several folks brought along a small gift for our annual exchange, and there were lots of rugs for show 'n tell. Karen Kaiser joined us with a trunk load of wool swatches and more for sale.

Attached is a photo of one of our members, Tanya Stutt, with one of her creations.



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## Continued Northumberland Rug Hookers.

( I asked what is a Tailgate party and this is the answer Miriam)



Aha! A tailgate party is a very American thing (even though we are in Canada). It's really just a social gathering in a parking lot, with everyone gathering around the tailgate (aka boot) of their cars. They are often held in the US before and after a (American) football game, with folks bringing drinks and barbecuing food, etc. Think of a car boot sale, but with food! It's not a very common in Canada, but we all know what it is! When one of our members suggested it, we all latched on to the idea, as it meant we could gather, even if only briefly.

Ours was a much simpler affair with cookies and hot chocolate, etc.

## JOKES



I' M AT THAT DELUSIONAL  
AGE WHERE I THINK  
EVERYONE MY AGE LOOKS  
WAY OLDER THAN I DO



## CANADA – ONTARIO HOOKING CRAFT GUILD.

“I am a member of the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild (OHCG) and am part of a committee working on producing a rug hooking event for our members.

We typically hold a large conference every year, with classes and displays and more, but in this year of the pandemic we are moving it to a virtual conference, to be delivered via zoom on April 17, 2021. All members of the OHCG will be emailed a link to the zoom meeting. It promises to be a fun day with 2 keynote speakers, videos, rug displays and more.

We would welcome any of your following who may be interested in joining our group to do so by going to [OHCG.org/membership/](http://OHCG.org/membership/). Further information is available in the attached.”

### ***“Creativity – the thread that binds”***

Invitation to attend the OHCG 2021 Virtual Annual Conference,  
**Saturday, April 17;** free registration with OHCG membership.

#### **Join us for a full roster of events:**

- Classes/workshops galore during April
- 2 guest speakers, Rachelle LaBlanc & Michelle Sirois Silver, will provide one-hour presentations including a Q&A
- 5-minute vignettes by well-known rug hookers
- TED Talks and You Tube Videos
- Display of branch and individual rugs
- Display of judged rugs and winners
- Farewell to outgoing OHCG President and Welcome of incoming OHCG President

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## QUEENSLAND – Annette white

I just came across an interesting article about the traditional bead sewing of the San people in Namibia.

Here is the link,

<https://wepresent.wetransfer.com/story/ju-hoansi-san-artisans-omba-arts-trust/>



## The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person and ask them to empty the bathtub."

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"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

ARE YOU GOING TO PASS THIS ON ... OR DO YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE?



## CANADA – Newfoundland- Gander. -Patricia Parsons.

Hello from snowy Gander,

It seems we've all been bragging too much about our mild green winter so Mother Nature has decided to put a stop to that and has sent us 2 snowfalls in the past few days. But the snow and wind hasn't stopped our group, 'Hooking Matters' from meeting every Second Sunday to share ideas and stories. Even Doris in her blue sweater, who is 93, (I call her our most "mature" hooker) braved the elements the other day to drop in and do a bit of work on her snowman. Actually, hooking snowmen is a popular theme with many rug hookers in Newfoundland, as you can tell by the photos below. They are easy and whimsical to do, and hook up fast with velour wool. Other ladies are working on geometrics, and also Punch Hooking- which is becoming popular here lately.

There's always something new to learn, some wool to share, and we feel very lucky that we can gather as Covid cases are almost non existent here on the island now. Soon we hope, we will be able to put the kettle on, and enjoy a tea break.

I hope that this note finds all our rug hooking friends in good health and spirits. The days are flying by, and with daylight getting longer, we will soon be able to enjoy our supper by the light of day! Hook on, Pat Parsons, Gander NL



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## Continued Gander



## QUEENSLAND – Annette White

In the last week I finished some unfinished projects.

“Sunrise Beachwalk”, it’s hooked and coiled. The driftwood with finds represents the sand, first row of coils are frothy waves, second row-the darker calmer sea, orange row with buttons- surfers hanging out for waves in the sunrise colours. Mostly up-cycled dress of my mother’s incl. buttons and string attaching the wood.



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Continued Annette White.



Kitchen stool pad, hooked and sculpted with old felted woollen jumpers  
There are three more to come (if I live that long).

THE END.