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CANADA – B.C. -Sheila Stewart



Adapted from the art of Marion Rose. A picture of one of her pieces that I hooked for my daughter. If you Google her name, you will come up with lots of beautiful art. She was a West Coast artist who passed away in 2012. I have copyright permission to use her art in my workshop

JOKE -What does an Australian and a canoe have in common? - They don't tip.

SCOTLAND -Katrina

I bought a bag of Harris Tweed scraps in a lovely town called Melrose. Some of the scraps were very small and there was a real mixture of colours and designs. I decided to make a cushion cover from the scraps. The size and shape of the pieces determined the overall design which allowed for a different type of creativity. It was a lot of fun to place the pieces and then sew them up which I did on the sewing machine. Here is the finished result. My first creative project in Scotland!



CANADA Nova Scotia Catherine Lowe. I am getting ready for a display for - "International Embroidery Day"



AMERICA California -Gene Shepherd.

Miriam - I thought you might be interested in seeing an art commission I just hung today in the church



I attend. While the pastor told me I could do anything, it took me a while to determine a plan - which I finally did, concentrating on colour, chroma, values and textures. Gene

Gene said Tell everyone hello and my best wishes.

JOKES –(I hope Irish Jokes do not offend.)

The plumber said:
"Why haven't you paid
the bill for the work I
did last Friday".

Paddy replied:
"Well it was not what
you quoted"

The plumber said:
"I didn't give you a
quote?"

Paddy replied,
"Yes you did! when I
asked what day you
could come? you said
you were free on
Friday!"

**Me & my mate were sat in a
cafe this morning, the
waitress came over and
said you can't eat
your own sandwiches in
here! So we swapped**

Paddy's in the
bathroom and Murphy
shouts to him "Did
you find the
shampoo?"

Paddy says, "yes but
it's for dry hair and
I've just wet mine."

Skipped the gym today and put on a fitted sheet instead



IF YOU'RE BUYING A WATCH FROM AMAZON, BE WARNED. I LEARNED THE HARD WAY THAT IF IT SAYS YOU CAN SWIM WITH IT, THIS ONLY APPLIES IF YOU CAN ALREADY SWIM WITHOUT IT.

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AUSTRALIA New South Wales. Milton -Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers

Rug day Friday 20th January



Left. Proggy rug being worked on by Carol



Left Judy,
working on
her
circular
rug.

Right Kay
working on
Annual
Milton
Show
challenge

"A country
Show with
Ocean Air"

The Show
is first
weekend
in March.



Left Jacqui
and
Marilyn
chatting
and right
Clair
showing
Alana how
she made
the little
basket.
Jacqui is
working
on her
show rug
too.



AUSTRALIA New South Wales Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers - Ilka landahl



Slippers
crochet by Ilka.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA – Wink Lindsay

I enjoy watching the various butterflies that visit my garden. My Buddleia hedge is a favourite of the Monarch butterflies in spring and they enjoy the zinnias in my vegie patch during the summer months. One morning, I found a dead butterfly in my garden and had the idea of making a handbag. Just for fun I made it in the shape of the butterfly, with the two sides hooked to show the different upper and lower wing patterns.

The bag can be held as a large clutch or worn as a shoulder bag, with the finished size being 53cm across and 22cm deep. I used an internal flex purse frame with small D rings for attaching the leather shoulder strap and hand sewed it in with the lining, so the bag closes almost seamlessly at the top. As with all my rug hooked pieces, I use a variety of fabrics (t-shirts, dresses, scarves, sari silk) and yarns, most are found in thrift shops. I keep an eye out when looking for particular colours, and in this case, orange is quite a challenge to find. I hooked the bag as one piece, so I could fold it at the base and reduce the amount of edge sewing needed. I like hooking my projects but the sewing up part is not as much fun! I am really pleased with how both sides look and that the bag is just how I envisaged. Functional and Beautiful.

The “front” side of my Monarch Butterfly inspired Handbag. Original design and hooked by Wink Lindsay



Continued Wink

The 'reverse' side of my Monarch Butterfly inspired Handbag.



Up close detail of my Monarch butterfly inspired Handbag. Wink.

Greetings from Barbados! By Patricia Parsons, Gander, Canada.

Hello everyone. I have been fortunate enough to escape the snow and cold temperatures of Newfoundland for the tropical skies of Barbados- and what a delight it has been. My friend, fellow rug hooker Carol Bishop and I have been exploring the environs and we cannot stop chatting about the beautiful colours we have seen- in the skies, the water, the lush tropical flowers and shrubs - such a wonderful assault on the senses! We want to hook everything we have seen.

Below you will see a somewhat feeble attempt of me trying to let the free spirit of colours work



themselves into a memory of the Caribbean for me- just sand and water and sky - a bit of beach shrubs, etc. watch this space- will post a photo when it's really finished. It's kind of free hand, which is way out of my comfort zone, but I shall persevere!

Meanwhile, Carol has done a very nice job of a pattern called "Rose" by Ragg Tyme Studio in Ontario, as she continues to learn about shading.

I hope this note find all readers in good health and spirits, enjoying some sun wherever you might be. Kudos to Miriam for all her continued hard work keeping us all connected!

Happy Hooking, Patricia Parsons, Gander, NL.



AUSTRALIA -Queensland Kingaroy Judith Brook

The soap making is great fun. I have just invested in some silicone embeds and can put a little cat rabbit or pineapple in through the soaps. Soaping madness. It's great.

My niece just texted this morning and said she's adding flax juice, seaweed and spirulina to hers. Very kiwi 😊. Interesting to see how they turn out.

I have been using the spirulina powder to get a good grassy green, and only need a tiny amount.

I dug up some Kingaroy mud from the garden and have added it to some Bloke soaps with a bit of coffee grounds and ground pumice. I did a pineapple for Australia Day. Was quite tricky and I didn't quite nail it, so had to do some carving.

And how about these for a bit of fun. Pina Colada. I put coconut milk in and the little pineapple. In a glass with crushed ice. Lol. Or it looks a bit like things that get washed up on the beach so I am thinking of an environmental one with rubbish on the beach and floating in the ocean.

You never know how they're going to turn out



THE END