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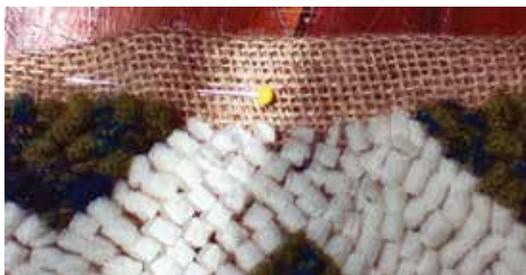
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ADDING A BRAIDED EDGE TO A HOOKED RUG

Sometimes your rug just doesn't look finished. When that happens, I like to finish the rug with wool rug braiding. No, I'm not a rug braider (tried but failed) so I scout for used braided rugs at yard sales and thrift stores. I'll then cut the lacing that holds the braids together and dye the braiding to a color that will complement my rug.

The steps are pretty straight forward:

1 When you are done with hooking, fold the foundation to the back creating a "lip" or platform that is as wide as your braiding. Baste the lip in place. Trim your excess foundation a bit but don't cut it too short. ↓



Fold back your foundation to create a platform for the braiding to rest on.

2 Fold over the two ends of your braiding. Pin the ends back and baste each end separately. →



Pin the ends back and baste.

3 Starting with one end, lay the rug braiding on the foundation lip and baste to foundation. Come all the way around easing the braiding to the rug as you go! →



Lay rug braiding on lip and sew to foundation.

4 "Butt" each end together, sewing ends together and to the foundation. →



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5 Sew on twill binding on rug back over foundation lip securing the rug braiding to foundation and twill tape. Now you can trim your foundation and hide it under the twill tape. →



Use twill binding to cover and reinforce braided edge on back of rug.

The rug braiding will sit a bit higher than your hooking at first. After pressing and use, the braiding will settle down.

You'll be so pleased with this



American Primitive Flag



Bunny and Blossom



Flower Pot Runner



Cape Cod Girls



Goldilocks and The Three Bears

look. It's like framing a beautiful picture. Enjoy!

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Little House



Woodland Animals



Impatient Kitty



Early Morning