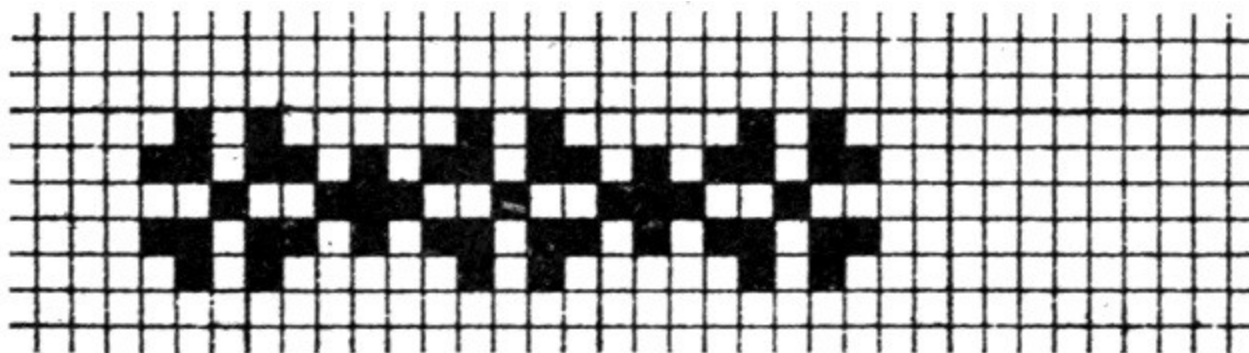


Knotted Pile Rugs

Weave one, and future grandchildren will wish they'd gone to your school.



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"Pattern first, filling second, ends trimmed even last."

1

Lay the Foundation

Weave a web as your foundation, or if you prefer, secure burlap to the rods instead. Use carpet wool or Germantown wool, choosing a tight twisted yarn about the colour of the rug.

2

Weave The Foundation

It will be easier at first to weave a web, or foundation: choose a tight twisted yarn about the color of the rug, string a close warp, and weave plain up and down, one string at a time, until the rug is the size you want. If you prefer, stretch a piece of burlap across the loom and secure it to the rods instead of weaving a foundation.

3

Set The Pattern

Put in the pattern first, and then the filling, using carpet wools or Germantown wool.

4

Work the Pile Stitch

Thread a tape needle with wool and pass it down through the web, leaving a short end. Bring it up one stitch to the left. Carry it across the right side, past the stitch where you started, to the stitch on the right, then take it down and up through the first hole, and cut the wool the same length as the end you left at first. The finished stitch looks like a two-legged stool, and that is exactly what to look for.

5

Trim The Nap

Keep the stitches very close together so that the nap will stand up well when finished. When the rug is finished, cut the ends evenly, so the nap is like velvet.

6

Take the Patterns Kindly

These designs come from the rug-weaving traditions of Central and West Asia, so copy them with some respect for where they were made. Keep your stitches very close together so the nap stands

up well, and when the rug is finished cut the ends evenly, so the nap is like velvet.