

Color Planning Checklist

Read through all the questions BEFORE you begin hooking. You don't need an answer to every question, but you do need to be thinking about the answer as you work.

Gather Your Wool

Choose two words that describe your rug when it is complete.
Grab the wool(s) you know you want to use. Do your two words describe it?
Lay the wool out from light to dark. Any holes?
Re-arrange the wool by colors, too little or too much of any one color?
Do you have different values of each color?
Gather wool to fill the empty spots. All wools should fit the description words.
If you have textures you are not familiar with, be sure to hook up a sample.

Pattern

Will this pattern benefit from a Value Study? If so, create the black line and start playing.
Identify the major areas. The largest is usually the background, but what are the next largest ones?

Take a photo of the pattern for your Rug Hooking Journal (part of The Rug Hooking Journey).
Check for straight of grain. Use the Draw a straight line lesson on cindigayrughooking.com.
Write your name near the edge of your backing on the FRONT of the pattern with your cell phone #.

Write your name on the BACK of the pattern *in the hooking area*. *

*Your name will get covered up, but it will always be there in case you need it to prove ownership.

Border

Does this rug have a border? If not, should you add one? Go in or go out? See the Borders lesson.

Do you have whipping yarn that will work with your border choice?

Is there anything that can brought up onto the border? See the Borders lesson.

Will you have a beauty line?

Start Making Choices

Choose the background. If you chose dark, remove other dark colors, if light, remove other light colors. Note: I think the best backgrounds are hooked using several wools so rather than eliminating the wools, can they be combined for a background?

What color will the border be?

Choose the largest motif color.

Continue choosing *main colors* for the large motifs. Save the details for later.

Record your choices in a wool key.

Take photos of your progress for your Rug Hooking Journal every time you begin or end a rug hooking session.

