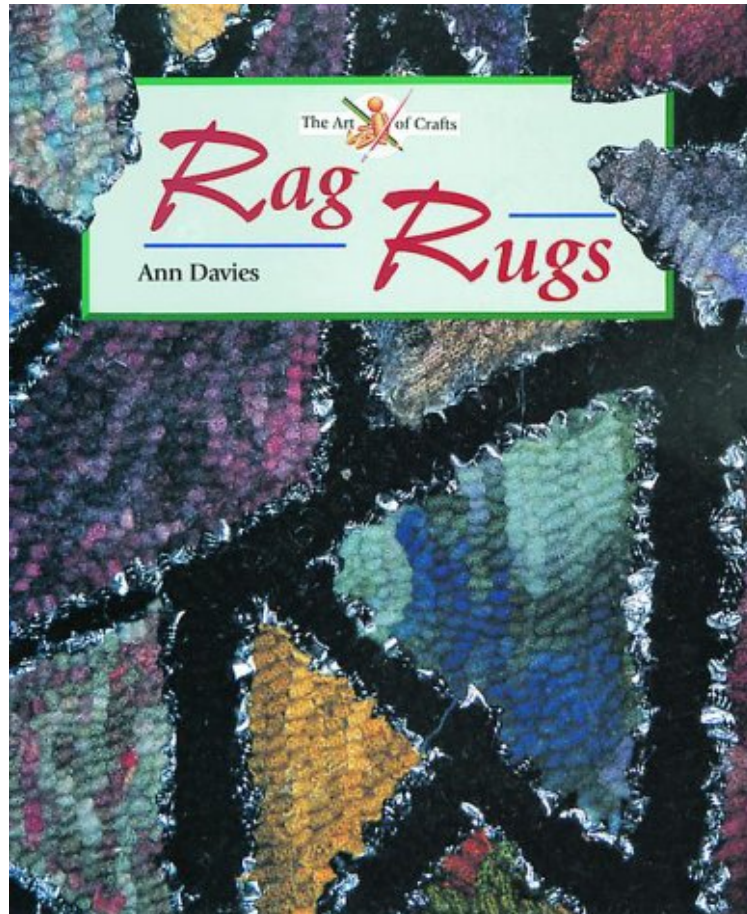


The Art of Crafts: Rag Rugs

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Rag rugs have been a feature of homes in the UK and the USA since the middle of the 19th century. Warm and hard-wearing, they can be made from recycled clothes, blankets, or any other textiles that may be lying around. Designs and colours vary from subtle natural patterns to bold, bright rugs, showing the versatility of the craft. Ann Davies describes the various techniques used, including hand techniques of hooky and proddy, and a plethora of gadgets designed to make the job easier. Illustrated in colour, the book also includes advice on dyeing fabrics in the microwave, cutting by hand or other methods, and working with or without a frame, and discusses different backing materials and ways of finishing rug edges.

From Library Journal Strips of recycled clothing and other fabrics are the raw materials for the rugs in these two books. Davies (*How To Make Hand-Hooked Rag Rugs*) covers hooked rugs and several related types, with detailed information on materials, tools, and dyeing. Vail (*Quick Kids' Quilts*) has mostly step-by-step projects for hooked rugs and also includes prodded, braided, and appliqué rugs. Both books are well illustrated with many colorful examples and are suitable though not essential for public library crafts collections. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.