

## RUG HOOKING WORKSHOP ETTIQUETTE

1. Choose a pattern that coincides with the teacher's expertise. Consider purchasing a pattern from the teacher if the teacher sells patterns.
2. If the teacher asks for your pattern choice, color scheme, etc. prior to the workshop, provide that information as soon as possible. This is probably not the only workshop the teacher is leading so don't wait until the last minute to do that.
3. Arrive at the workshop on time with all the equipment you will be using. Include a notebook for note taking, a marking pen, safety pins (for pinning wool swatches to your pattern) as well as small pieces of each wool you are considering using. You can always bring more wool if needed the following day. It is helpful to the teacher if you **wear a name tag**.
4. Be patient – not everyone can be the first student helped. Plan to spend just a few minutes with the teacher helping you get started. You will have other opportunities for further help later on. **DO NOT** try to color plan the entire rug immediately.
5. While you are waiting your turn with the teacher plan to work on another project you have brought along.
6. Do not interrupt the teacher while she is working with another student. Wait your turn.
7. If you miss a day of the class do not expect the teacher to make up the time you missed or give you special attention.
8. **DO NOT** ask the teacher to help you color plan more than one rug. This is not fair to other students when the workshop is only three days long.
9. If the teacher sells wool plan to buy at least a little wool from the teacher. This is how many teachers make a living. If you have asked the teacher to custom dye wool for you do not expect to return the wool to the teacher.
10. It is customary to pass an envelope for a tip for the teacher on the last day of class. Tipping is not mandatory but is a nice gesture so come prepared.
11. Be cheerful and respect the time the teacher spends with each student. In other words, “Mind your manners!” Plan to have a wonderful time and learn something new from each teacher.

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