

Chirp

Primitive Hooked Rug
Finished Size: 13 x 13"

(our version shown was finished as a pillow)



Get hooked on hooking! In this class you'll learn the basics of rug hooking with ¼"-wide wool strips by making Nancy's *Chirp* 13" square rug. She will discuss the materials needed, demonstrate how to transfer a pattern, how to prepare your wool, and basic hooking technique. She will also show some options for finishing your rug. This is a handwork class—no sewing machines needed.

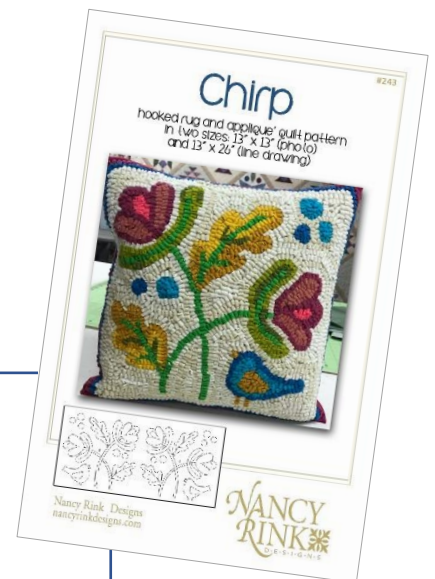
Nancy can provide a complete kit in the bright color option shown at left as well as a primitive option with a black background and more subdued colors. This is the perfect kit for someone who wants everything ready to hook. All you need is a frame or hoop and scissors.

The *Chirp* (\$60) kit includes:

- Pattern and Instruction booklet
- Pattern drawn on Monk's cloth foundation
- Hook
- Precut wool strips

Want to Do Your Own Thing? Here's What You Will Need (see page two for more detailed info)

- Hoop or Frame
- Hook
- ½ yard Red Dot Transfer Fabric
- Sharpie Marker
- Masking Tape
- Wool (see fabric requirements below)
- Monk's Cloth or Scottish Linen
- Chirp Pattern (\$14)



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Fabrics listed are Marcus Fabrics Wools

Hooked Rug Materials Needed

13 x 13" rug requirements listed first; 13 x 26" requirements in parentheses
Wash wools in warm water, rinse in cold, then toss in dryer prior to cutting into #8 (1/4"-wide) strips

- 4 x 9" (6 x 9") Candy Coral #2125 & Olivine #2116
- 4 x 18" (6 x 18") Pink Blossom #0126, Sunshine #2133, Mustard #0132, & Tropical Turquoise #2121
- 6 x 18" (12 x 18") Dublin Green #2114, Magenta #2136, & Peacock Blue #2119
- 10 x 18" (20 x 18") Cream #0142 and Off White #0192
- 5/8 (5/8) yard backing of Monk's Cloth, Scottish Linen, etc

Get Started Rug Hooking

Rug hooking is easy to do. You pull strips of wool cloth through a backing fabric, one loop at a time. Like any craft hobby, there are a few supplies and tools needed to get started.

Hook

They come in all shapes and sizes. Start with a basic one like the one shown here.



Frame

There are lap frames and free-standing frames. You can also use a quilt hoop or convert a quilt hoop or picture frame using thumbtacks or rug hooking gripper strips.



Backing Fabric

Monk's cloth, Primitive Linen, Scottish Linen, and Rug Warp are the recommended choices.

Pattern and/or Kit

Patterns run the gamut. Nancy Rink Designs' multi-technique patterns include black & white patterns you can trace onto your own backing fabric. Or, you can purchase a pattern already drawn on a backing fabric.

Kits typically come with wool that is cut or uncut. As a shop-owner, you can offer either option for your customers. Of course, that means you need a . . .



Cutter

Since I am first and foremost a quilter, I looked to the quilting world for a cutter. To cut 1/4" wide wool strips for my rug hooking designs, I use my AccuQuilt Studio cutter with die #50770.

Wool

Marcus Fabrics' off the bolt wool is used in my patterns. Hand-dyed wool used by many hookers runs about \$45 per yard. By using off the bolt wool you and your customers save money and get the exact look you see in my patterns.



To prepare your wool for hooking you will need to full (not felt) it by washing it, regular cycle, in warm water with laundry detergent. Rinse cool, then dry using medium heat.