

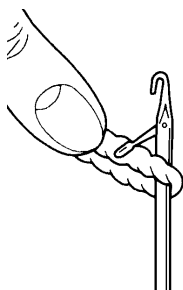
INSTRUCTIONS FOR LATCH HOOKING

Before commencing, look at your rug canvas. The knots should be made on **the double horizontal threads**, NOT on the vertical twisted threads. i.e. Always work from selvedge to selvedge one complete row at a time. This applies to all designs which ever way they appear on the chart or printed canvas.

BEGINNING YOUR RUG

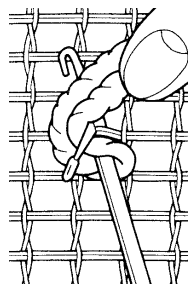
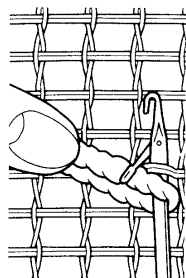
Lay your canvas on a table with selvages left to right. Leave five or more rows before beginning the first row of your design. Before you begin latchhooking, fold these five, or more, rows UP, (not under) and double them over, so that you work these first rows through the double thickness.

As you near the end of your rug, fold five or more rows over, towards you and work through the double thickness again. Both ends of your rug are now securely locked in. To finish, fold the selvages to the back and slip-stitch with a strong thread.

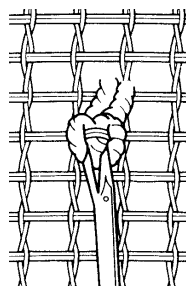


STEP 1
Hold the latch hook in one hand. Loop a piece of rug yarn evenly around the shaft below the latch.

STEP 2
Push the hook into one hole below the horizontal thread and up into the hole above. Keep pushing until the latch is through. Pull back gently to partially close the latch.



STEP 3
Pick up the two ends of the yarn and place into the eye of the hook.



STEP 4
Pull hook slowly and firmly back through the loop. As you pull, the latch closes and captures the yarn. Let go the two ends of yarn and pull the hook through.

Hint: With the thumb of your free hand placed on the base of the knot, continue to pull the hook right out.

STEP 5
Tighten the knot carefully and firmly, keeping the ends even.

