

By **HARRIETT MUHAMMAD**

Dear Harriett: Now that I've raised my family, I have more spare time on my hands. I love to work with my hands and have dabbled into painting a bit. I've also tried making pottery, which was a lot of fun. I can also knit a little although I'm not as good along these lines.

Now I'm looking for a new project to get started on—something I've never tried before. I was wondering if you have anything in mind that you could share with me.

**MRS. A. C., NEWARK,
NEW JERSEY**

DEAR MRS. A. C. Well, I have a pet project in mind now which you might enjoy and also find profitable. About two months ago, I helped a friend make an "area rug" for her living-room. It was very colorful and had quite an original design. These rugs are made from scraps of carpet remnants which can be purchased at a reasonable price from a wholesale or retail rug outlet—check your yellow pages for their locations.

ALSO, you get approximately seven yards of rug-seaming tape or a piece of burlap to cover the desired rug area. You also need a utility knife which looks like a glorified, incased razor blade, and a pint of latex which is a white liquid adhesive which resembles rubber when dry.

Remember when you select your rug remnants to try and get about the same type of texture and pile—the thicker the better, of course. Decide what kind of a shape you

want—a rectangle, a square, an abstract design, a triangle, etc. Make a pattern copy, with designs within your outlined shape out of a heavy-weight paper like freezing paper. (e.g. if you have a rectangular shape — have it made up of smaller different colored rectangles and squares).

BE SURE you have a smaller sketch of your design on another piece of paper to use later as a guide. Cut out the individual pieces; place them face down on the underneath side of your rug remnants; trace and cut very carefully. A rug maker gave me a cutting tip.

He said it is better not to cut all the way through, but just about three-fourths of the way and then pull the pieces separate. By doing this, you will be able to fit the pieces together more easily.

Now, with the pieces all cut, you spread their back sides with the liquid latex (It spreads more easily if you use an old vegetable brush); then place them together on the burlap backing. Its like fitting a jig-saw puzzle together. When you finish, let it dry till the next day and then trim off the excess burlap.

Your finished product should be an original colorful area rug that can be placed under tables and/or at strategic locations in a room as a source of decoration. Give it a try.

Something on your mind? Write and tell me about it.

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