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SEW a rug

A special rug-making guide that fits any sewing machine makes this rug, costs 5s. 8d. Gadget to make fringe is 1s. 9d. extra. Leaflet giving full making instructions comes with the equipment. You'll need canvas, hessian or buckram at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. larger all round than finished rug size plus hessian to back rug.

USE up wool from your scrap bag—4 ply makes the woolliest rug. Rug shown in bedroom on page one measures 24 in. by 50 in. This size takes 21 lb. thick wool similar to Paton and Baldwin's Big Ben.

CHOOSE colours that blend closely—pink and red, blue and bluey-green or autumn shades. The off-whites look good together and so does a close blending of different shades in the same colour. Practise first, before starting off on the rug. The guide takes a little getting used to, but when you've got the knack it goes very quickly. WIND guide with thread of all wool colours you're using at the same time, but don't wind too tightly or it's difficult to slip off wool. Before beginning, mark hessian with guide lines 2 in. apart across rug. Place gadget on first line working from left to right. Needle comes down to run along the guide's channel in medium-sized stitching. When needle comes to end of channel, stop sewing but leave needle down. Pull guide towards you and the threads are automatically cut with razor-sharp knife in guide. Always stitch twice along row, second line of stitching about 1 in. away from first to strengthen rug.

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