

Braided Rug Repair with Pam Rowan

Things That You Need to Know... That the Customer Might Not Be Able to Answer.

- 1 Is the rug butted or continuous?
- 2 Is it braided with the openings to the left, to the right, or is it plaited?
- 3 Is it made with wool *cloth* or with wool *yarn*?
- 4 Is it laced every loop, or every other loop, or hand-sewn on the back of the rug?
- 5 You will be able to tell if it's moth damage or wear and tear.
If it is moth damage then you'll need to treat it and wash it.
- 6 Do you have the colors of wool needed to repair this rug?
- 7 Is it a hit or miss pattern, or specific colors?
- 8 What is it laced with? Do you have the lacing thread and all the lacing needles?
- 9 After inspecting the rug and knowing what the time expectations are, you might be able to
give them a reality time line.
- 10 As Nancy Young said in her article: you don't realize how much longer it takes to *repair* a rug than
it does to *make* a rug! So it's difficult to give an estimate per square foot like you can
when making a rug.
- 11 What might seem to you to be a rug that is not worthy or worth repairing because it is way
too damaged... might just be the sentimental rug they can't let go of yet.