

STANDARDS OF QUALITY

TEXTILES: Rugs – hooked, poked, braided, tufted and punched

Materials

1. Rugs should be worked on a firm backing such as monkscloth or good quality burlap.
2. If re-cycled fibre is used it must be clean and of high quality. A hangtag must identify the fibres as recycled.
3. If yarn is to be used for floor mats, it must be of a quality to withstand floor use.

Technique

1. The foundation should be covered with all loops or strips raised to an even height, unless irregularity is an intended part of the design.
2. The rug should not be worked so tightly that it curls.
3. Edges should be carefully and firmly finished.
4. Rugs worked with a rug needle that is intended for use on the floor should be covered with a non-skid coating. This will prevent slipping, and ravelling of loops. This need not apply to work designed for the wall.
5. Mats intended for hanging on the wall must be ready to hang.

* Fibre content labelling for textiles is subject to Industry Canada regulation. Articles must carry correct labelling noting fibre content and maker identity. In addition, the Craft Council recommends that instructions for use and care accompany each article.

Fibre content

* A minimum of 75% of work to be sold at Craft Council sponsored events, in either content or volume, must be of natural fibres.

* Exceptions to the fibre content ruling may be made in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Standards Committee. Specific application must be made for such exceptions and each case will be judged individually. Generally, such circumstances occur in the suitability of the fibre/fabric to the function of the article, or in the innovative use of new and exciting materials. Craftspeople wishing to have the Standards Committee consider a request for an exception should state the reasons for their request in writing with their submission of samples.

* Mixtures of fibres should be compatible for care and durability.

* Wrappers, labels or a written statement of fibre content must accompany all samples submitted.