

Diane Phillips

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Diane has been a rug hooker for over 25 years, specializing in original patterns and hand-dyed wools. Diane loves to experiment with varying motifs but portraits of animals and humans, as well as rugs with words, have been her favorite subjects. Her workshops also include creating interesting backgrounds and playing with touches of unusual colors.

In addition to rug hooking, Diane has recently written a book titled *Loose Threads*, pairing a short story about a fabric artist with details and templates on how to make many of the projects contained in the story. In the last two years, she and artistic partner, Gayle Torrey, have created

a line of hooked and sewn purses and totes called Bella Squared. (Named after their dogs. Each has a dog named Bella!) More about the book and purses can be seen on the website: DianePhillipsfiberarts.com.

For eight years Diane was the director of the Hooked in the Mountains Rug School at the Shelburne Museum in Vermont, in conjunction with the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild. She has taught workshops throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. Her work has been showcased in exhibits, books, and magazines. Diane and her husband, Bruce Toder, love to travel and explore, always looking for new ideas and unique materials. They live in Fairport, N.Y with four former street dogs, now very contented couch dogs. Diane also maintains professional studio space in a building with 45 other artists in downtown Rochester, NY.

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