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## How to Make Mats and Rugs.

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I am going to do what I can to help you make your worn or faded carpets into handsome and durable mats and rugs, and will also tell you how to make mats and rugs of many other materials.

A well made braided or drawn-in rug, if properly taken care of, will last for twenty years or more. I have several that were made more than that number of years ago, and look well to-day.

Mats and rugs should be swept with a broom, or thrown over a line and beaten or whipped with a small stick or a whip. Only very light ones should be held in the hands and shaken, as this tends to tear them apart.

As cast-off wearing apparel of all kinds may be used in making the different styles of mats and rugs, a lack of material need prevent no one from making these useful and pretty articles. Before beginning the work, all your rags should be collected together, all garments ripped or cut apart, and the soiled ones washed. Next comes the dyeing of all faded and a greater part of the light and dull colored pieces. You cannot have handsome rugs if you do not have plenty of good colored rags to work with, and many times several shades of the same color are desirable.

For dyeing, Diamond Dyes will give the most satisfactory results. There are nearly fifty dyes, and with them an almost endless

variety of colors and shades of colors may be produced. These dyes have been before the public for many years,—they were good at first, but have been improved since first put upon the market, and now they are perfect, with their wide range of durable and brilliant colors.

The fast and brilliant colors that may be made on cotton rags enable us to use a large quantity of material that was formerly sold to the rag gatherer, because light or dull colored. Now, thanks to Diamond Dyes, this need not be done.

A braided, crocheted, knitted, or drawn-in mat or rug of cotton will wear just as long as one made of woollen rags, and the moths will not eat it. There is also another material used but very little for mats and rugs, although large quantities of it are going to waste in many farmers' barns, and this is sacks and bags made of burlap, that shorts, bran, cotton seed, and other feed for cattle comes in. These sacks are easily ripped apart, washed and dyed with any of the Diamond Dyes for cotton, although if you want fast pink or yellow, the burlap should be a very light colored soft piece.

Diamond Dyes are very easy to color with, and a child could color successfully with them if the articles were small.

Before you begin to dye read the directions