



This rug, "Rick Rack Magic," was made by Myra Jane Ober in 2010 and is featured in the book, Combining Rug Hooking and Braiding, 2011, by K. McDermet, C. Manges, & D. Tobias, Schiffer Publishing, p. 253. Dimensions: 28" X 44".

Class: All-Butted Oval with Diamond Patterns

Instructor: Christine Manges

Dates: Feb 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2026 – 4 Fridays at 1pm EST

Cost: \$90 (\$20/session + \$10 for handout)

Level: Intermediate

Prerequisite: Must have made two continuous or butted oval rugs before.

Description: This class will teach you how to make the rug shown in photo above...but also an oval butted rug of any size, with patterns different from the diamond patterns above. Learn how to adjust the timing of skipped loops for different sizes of patterns within ovals. The "Annie's Fanny no ruler" butting method will be taught in class, but you can use any butting method you like. Learn how to space the increases around curves to keep the curves shaped according to your preferences, and how to keep the straight sides straight. Work with different fabrics and learn how to adjust them to keep the braid gauge the same throughout the rug.

Supplies:

- Fabric: Approx 5 yards of wool: half light, half dark. (A mix of lights and a mix of darks will make it easier to butt the rows... and give you practice with adjusting strands to keep the braid gauge constant).
- Basic Braiding Supplies: lacing needle, lacing cord, hemostat, safety pins, rubber bands for securing rolls of fabric, needle and thread, fabric scissors, braid stand or clamp
- Colored safety pins (or paint 12 safety pin heads with two different colors of nail polish)
- Sharpie markers: black for light fabrics; silver for dark fabrics
- Ball-headed straight pins
- 12-inch ruler
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Braid-Aids (optional)

Teacher Bio: Christine Manges has been braiding rugs since 2006. She serves as the Education Chair of Rug Braiders International and was one of the founding members of the guild. She is a co-author of the book, Combining Rug Hooking and Braiding. She lives in Pittsburgh PA with her husband and too many pets.

