

I am trying to get some projects finished. I didn't want to begin anything new until I had finished weaving the warp on two looms. Well, one of the looms is now bare of warp, and I have a roll of rag rugs to trim, straighten, and finish. I will tie a fringe on the end of each rug, clip away any ends of rags, and even up the fringes. Then, they will be ready to lay on the floor.

I don't like to sew carpet rags, so several of these rugs are the result of recycling old rag rugs by ripping out their warp threads and rolling the previously woven rags into balls once again. The rest of the rugs are constructed of strips of old sheets and long pieces of miscellaneous cotton materials. Some are rather pretty, but others will be strictly utilitarian--something to lay in front of a door for a foot-wiper when coming in from outside.

The first rug on the roll, but the last woven, might end up on a table instead of under one. It is a rose, green, and white--with a little burgundy--mat about three feet long. It looks summery and might appear on our round oak table when the warm season rolls around again.

The next rug is rather pretty. It is made up of three to four inch sections of various colors of printed material--greens, blues, lavenders, and white/pastels. That one will fit in the bathroom.

The third rug on my coil of cotton is a six foot long runner of rose/rust and white. It will go just fine here in the cabin. It is probably one of my two favorites in this batch.

Next comes the other rug I like best. I reweave a rug I had used in the kitchen. I liked that rug, too. It was quite neutral in color and looked nice as a summer rug in front of the kitchen sink. Then, the dog decided to take a bite out of the middle of the rug. So, after lying on a shelf for a number of years, it was reborn this fall. I ripped out the old rug and reweave it in three inch stripes bracketed by narrow stripes of dark blue. It is a very attractive rug in its reincarnation.

The fifth rug is an old-fashioned "hit and miss" pattern with white stripes on the ends. It will be a good kitchen rug and is also from rags I had ripped out of an old rug and reweave.

An all blue rug is next on the roll, and it is rather ugly. It will end

up as a foot wiper, too.

And the last rug? It was the first one I wove, of course, and I had forgotten what it looked like until I took the rugs from the cloth beam. It, too, is a hit or miss rag rug with red and white stripes--a good match for the other kitchen rug.

So, one project is finished. The other loom will be next. I have several yards of cotton/linen warp on it yet, and I will have to take some time to sit and weave. Forty throws of the shuttle per inch, so I have a way to go yet. But, this is fall work, and a rainy day makes sitting at the loom a pleasant job. And, the end result is always something useful, and sometimes, even attractive.