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Wool cleaning instructions

Cleaning a handmade wool rug requires a gentle approach to preserve its fibers and colors. Here's a detailed guide on how to do it:

1. **Vacuum Regularly:** Vacuum your wool rug gently at least once a week. Use a vacuum with a high-quality filter and a setting that doesn't agitate the fibers too much. Avoid the beater bar if possible, as it can damage the wool.
2. **Spot Clean Spills Immediately:** When a spill occurs, blot it immediately with a clean, dry cloth. Do not rub, as this can work the stain deeper into the fibers. For most stains, use cold water and a mild detergent specifically suitable for wool. Test any cleaners on a small, inconspicuous area first to ensure they do not cause discoloration.
3. **Use Wool-Safe Detergent:** For a deeper clean, mix a wool-safe detergent with cold water. Apply this solution sparingly to the rug using a sponge or a soft brush. Work in a grid pattern, and do not soak the rug.
4. **Rinse Thoroughly:** After spot cleaning or washing, rinse the area with cold water. Make sure all soap residue is removed as it can attract dirt.
5. **Dry Properly:** Avoid exposure to direct sunlight or heat when drying your wool rug. Lay the rug flat and allow it to air-dry. You can also use fans to help circulate air over the rug. Avoid hanging wool rugs as they can stretch.
6. **Professional Cleaning:** Every couple of years, or when the rug seems particularly soiled, consider having it professionally cleaned. Professionals have the right equipment and detergents to clean and dry your wool rug without damaging it.

Taking care of spills immediately and maintaining regular cleaning will help extend the life and beauty of your handmade wool rug.