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Finish Your Rug With Wool Fabric & Cording

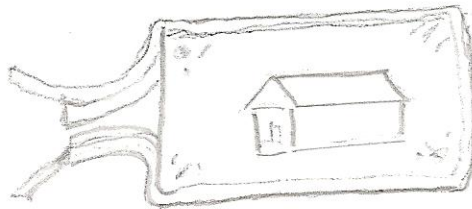
- Steam your rug on both sides.
- Trim away excess backing leaving 2" around the perimeter
- Zigzag the edge
- Press and tack hem so that no backing shows on the front

Many years ago at "Rugs by the Sea" in Cape May, New Jersey, Barbara Miller taught me how to finish rugs using wool fabric and cotton cording:

- Cut a piece of wool 3-4" wide, and long enough to go all the way around the perimeter of your rug (piecing on the diagonal as necessary), adding a few inches for corners and closure
- If binding a round or oval rug, cut a narrower strip of wool, i.e.: 2-1/2."
- Enclose the cording into the long edge of the wool using the zipper foot on your sewing machine (below)



- Place your finished piece of piping under your rug with the piping along the edge of your rug (below)



- Sew by hand down in the ditch, snugging loops/rug/piping *together*.
- Sew all the way around the rug, butting the ends of the cording and wool.
- Carefully stitch the ends together.
- Hem the wool down on the back, trimming and mitering the corners as your stitch around the edge.
- Steam again when finished.