

Share and Learn: Hooking Water

At our November 2018 meetings, we had lively discussions about hooking water and it was wonderful to see the examples that people brought in, bringing the theory to life. I'm hoping we'll get photos of these pieces and in the meantime, here is some of the wisdom shared. If some point has been missed, or you've learned something new, please be sure to let us know so we can add.

From Pat B.:

- Value (light vs dark) depends on depth of field
- Reflections should be two values darker
- Waves in the distance are shorter, smaller, whiter than in the foreground where the waves are longer, larger, darker

Bonnie C.:

- Yarn is not as precise as wool strips
- Water doesn't have to be blue
- If it doesn't work, try something else

Cathrine D.:

- Embrace trial and error; go outside of the example
- Check under the whitecaps for shadow

Sigrid G.:

- Spray is lightest against rocks, shoreline, etc
- Depends on sun: bright sky, bright water; dull sky, dull water

Bev J.:

- Darker, deeper closer to you; light, both sky and water, at the horizon

Carol P.:

- Light for whitecaps; medium for waves; dark for shadows
- Light close to shore; dark as you move further away – note that 'rules' depend on light source location

From Pauline M. after the meeting, who emailed a great example about horizons, and also about the coastlines...

Lesley, at our previous meeting when horizon and light was discussed, I had an internet photo for which I can no longer find the origin. Here is an even better photo with the Internet link. In the photo, one can clearly see that the "light gets lighter" as one approaches the horizon.

<http://freecoolhdwallpapers.blogspot.com/2012/10/blue-water-lake-landscapes-nature.html>



Other resources:

Be sure to take a look at the Olde Forge library holdings for great examples of hooked water.

Here are some examples that were shared during the meetings:

- *Water, Water, Everywhere* chapter of *Rug Hooking 20th Anniversary 2008 edition*
- *Hooked Rug Landscapes*: Anne-Marie Littenberg
- *Hooked Portraits*: Anne-Marie Littenberg
- *Any Celebration* and many *Rug Hooking Magazine* editions