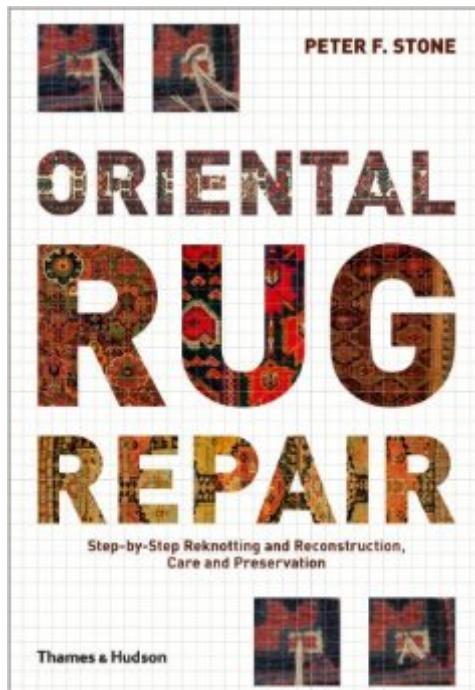


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# Oriental Rug Repair



## Synopsis

A definitive, step-by-step guide to the reknottting, reconstruction, care, and preservation of oriental rugs. The demand for oriental rugs has increased dramatically in recent years. Many owners now put more value on their rugs as works of art than as floor coverings, and current prices reflect their status. As a result, rugs that may once have remained stored in attics or been destined for the junkyard are being revived, repaired, and restored. Rug repair services are more popular than ever, but many repairs are not as difficult as you may think. Anyone who can learn needlecraft can acquire the necessary skills. This comprehensive guide covers all the essential techniques, materials, and tools required to repair oriental rugs. The accessible text is accompanied by clear step-by-step diagrams and illustrations that teach you how to: assess damaged areas; understand rug structures; select yarn; reknott; reconstruct warp and weft; use patches; repair selvage and edges; repair ends and flatweaves; wash rugs, remove stains, and carry out general maintenance. *Oriental Rug Repair* is a must-have reference for beginners and a useful sourcebook for dealers and collectors. 40 color and 370 b/w illustrations.

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I have quite a few old rugs and know from experience that rug repairs are expensive and of spotty quality. There's nobody in our area of much worth. Therefore I am rewefting and reknottting several areas in a magnificent, extremely old Kazak following the relevant sections of this book. These are areas in which the warp threads still survive but are unsupported by any intact weft and are bare of knots. Thus it's only a matter of time until frank voids develop and the descent into Hell is complete.

The book is an absolute bargain and a step-by-step how-to that is clear, concise, well-illustrated, comprehensive, durable, and even lays flat when open for ready reference. Contains a wealth of info on rug structure which you need to understand in order to do proper repairs. There are several very old repairs on the Kazak that are put to shame by the very impressive results that I'm getting even as a first-timer. I may actually rework some of those old areas. I would caution that this is a very exacting and time consuming process. Your fingers might get a little sore. If your patience and frustration tolerance are low, you might not want to tread here. But the book assumes nothing, and the learning curve isn't too steep. An additional big benefit to doing your own work is the ability to promptly take care of small problems before they get to be big ones. The only thing that I might add to the sections on rewefting and reknottting is that I found a curved needle with an eye of sufficient size to accept 2 or 3 ply yarn a life saver. Update: I bought a lot of a broad assortment of colors of Paternayan yarn on the popular auction site, constructed an adjustable frame for repairs, and got an assortment of craft needles at the local fabric store.

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