

Shaping the Character of a Seagrass Rug

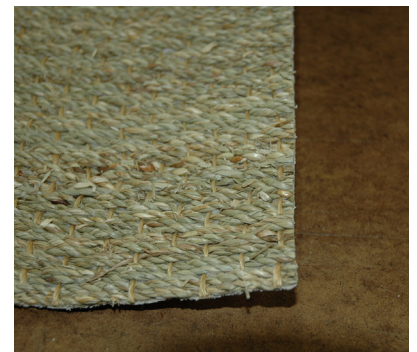
NATURE'S PERFECTLY IMPERFECT RUG

CUTTING

All rugs are measured and cut to be as square as possible, with straight edges on all four sides. After cutting across the yarns, seagrass will 'release' and adjust to a new position. This means that the perfectly straight cut now has a slight bow as the tension releases from cutting. Tension is created often during the backing process as the seagrass is pulled through the equipment. Seagrass is not tintered, but pulled during backing application, resulting in both some bowing and tension on the material.

Along the sides, due to variation of the seagrass fibers, there will be irregularity in the weave. This results in edges that cannot be perfectly straight.

When two irregular sides meet, the corner will not be a perfect 90 degrees. This creates a challenge when applying the border and mitering the corner.



SEWING

A guide is used to make sure each rug is sewn as straight as possible; however, it can only be as straight as the cut piece of seagrass.

Due to variation of the seagrass fibers, the sewing needle may jump from one side of the fiber to another, leaving an irregular sewing pattern.

After sewing the border to all sides, the border is ready for finishing. The looseness of the seagrass weave means the rug can be easily moved from the original cut and become out of square.

Hand-sewn mitered corners are performed by experienced craftsmen.

When completed, the finished corner is beautifully crafted, but will conform to the irregularity of the cut piece of seagrass.



INSPECTION

All rugs are visually inspected and measured before leaving our facility.



PACKAGING

Care is taken to package each rug for the hardship of shipping.

Extra care is given to the ends of the rug which will endure the most stress in shipping and handling.

