

## Rug Repair by Yeatts Inc.

During the week, our technicians process rug orders that require minor or major repair. Some rugs have simple separation along the outer edge whether it is fringing at the end or serging or binding along the sides or entire rug. Most outer edge damage can be repaired by the machinery we employ. However, any inner area of the rug completely missing wool, and worse a hole you can see through, requires the skills of the top repair craftsman at **Yeatts Inc.**, Chuck Hilton. To scratch the surface on rug repair, it's important to know the terminology associated with the composition of the outer edge. Almost all hand knotted or synthetic rugs have binding or serging stitched along the sides of the rug. In hand knotted rugs, true serge yarn is stitched along the sides. This ropelike appearance keeps the rug intact. Binding tape is used on area synthetic rugs and can be used on some hand knotted rugs. You can almost see through binding tape. Another means to secure the outer edge of synthetic and most hand knotted rugs is synthetic serge tape. This is flat on the bottom like binding tape but has a ropelike appearance as true serge yarn. However, serge tape is much more durable than either serge yarn or binding tape. Of course, most hand knotted rugs have fringes on the ends of the rug. Any outer edge repair concerning all of the above therefore mentioned is a skill our technicians perform daily. Inner repair of a rug depends on many factors such as pile height and condition of the rug, which is very important. In some cases there will be no options.



## Maintenance tips for your rugs and underlays.

Each Winter your home is invaded by unwanted guests with more than two legs. Spiders and other insects make their homes in hidden areas such as closets or basements. However, moths make their homes in the warm and delicious comfort of your wool rugs. We have always maintained that possible moth infestation can be eliminated if a wool rug can be entirely vacuumed. It's a perfect time of year to rotate your rugs from under beds or areas covered by furniture, and either vacuum the rugs or have the rugs professionally cleaned. While the rug is removed, inspect the underlay for replacement. If the underlay is in good condition, then vacuum the felt side. You can shake out flimsy, thin rubber underlays outdoors.

