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## **RUG SIZE AND PLACEMENT**

### **What size rug do I need?**

- Think of the rug as the foundation for the room. The rug should be big enough to anchor the furniture grouping, however area rugs should not be used as wall-to-wall floor coverings.
- If you want to make the room seem as large as possible, choose the largest rug that your room can accommodate. Of course, leave a nice proportion of hardwood or flooring around the rug.
- The perfect size of a dining room rug is one that is four feet larger than the width and length of the table. If the rug is large enough to move the chairs away from the table without them moving off of the edge, the rug is the right size. Any surrounding furniture such as a china cabinet or serving pieces should be on the floor, not on the rug.

### **Placement of rugs**

- When using one large rug in a living or family room, make sure that there is an even border of flooring around all four sides once placed, or at least so that borders of flooring opposite each other are even. Don't place a rug so large that it touches the baseboard of the wall.
- If your room is formal with a natural center, it might be nice to use a rug with a center medallion design to accentuate the natural layout of the room.
- Try using two rugs in one room to define different areas or functions within it. They don't have to match. In fact, it's more interesting to see coordinating area rugs that display some of the same colors, but vary the scale of the pattern and alter the design.
- As a general rule, put the front legs of furniture pieces on the rug and the back legs off. It is more important, however, to make sure the rug is placed in a balanced fashion in the room, and the furniture can rest either on or off of it.
- Think about color when choosing your rug. If possible take wallpaper and fabric samples with you to see how the rug will work with the room décor.
- Few things are nicer than stepping out of bed directly onto a rug! In addition to the wonderful tactile experience, a rug in the bedroom also dampens sound. A bedroom is a restful place, and a quality rug helps keep it quiet and comfortable.
- Remember that your hand-knotted wool is virtually indestructible. Professional designers are increasingly calling for these rugs in kitchens, active family rooms, hallways and foyers. Younger couples with small children are using rugs for just this reason. Few types of floor covering can withstand the wear and tear that comes with a growing family. The sturdy construction and the all wool pile of our rugs means you need not be overly concerned about the rug wearing thin, or becoming stained and discolored over time.