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Hagopian has all your rug needs covered

If you think that owning a specialty rug or Oriental carpet is out of your reach, some popular myths about rugs may literally be pulling the woul right

may merany or paining incomes aver your eyes.

The Hagopian family business got its start in 1939 when Edmond Hagopian's grandfather founded it. He worked as a chemist and started out by treating spots and stains in carpet-ing and by dying carpeting. At that time economic hardships caused by the war prevented most people from purchasing new carpeting.

Over the years the focus of the fam-

ily husiness shiftny nusiness shifted to selling spe-cialty rugs. The Oak Park retail store was built in 1969 and it marked the turning point where the family busi-ness made "a big commitment to retail," Edmond

Hagopian said.
"My office is right above the selling floor and I'm always hear-ing people saying This is such a great price'," Hagopian said. "When people come in they are really surprised."

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World of Bugs
and Hagopian
Rug Outlet are
the largest specialty rug dealers in Metro Detroit. Prices for Oriental and spe-cialty rugs have dropped in recent years, making buying rugs more affordable than ever, Hagopian

Hagopian offered the follow-ing tips for choos-

ing a rug:

Don't get caught up in the investment value

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of a rug or how
many knots a rug
has per inch. Instead, concentrate on
choosing a rug that you truly like and
that will work in your-room.

Don't think that rugs only look
good on top of wood floors. Rugs on top
of carpeting can be very attractive. A
rug in front of a couch and loveseat, for
example, can heln to define a seating example, can help to define a seating area and add character to a room.

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• Buy your rug from a reputable dealer. The Hagopian Outlet store in Oak Park concentrates on affordable rugs. Hagopian World of Rugs carries top-of-the-line and distinctive rugs for customers searching for an upscale look

Suzanne Hagopian has followed in

the feetsteps of her grandfather and father and is a full-time buyer for the family business. She frequently travtamily ousness. She requently tray-els to such exotic locales as Turkiye and Egypt to find the most exquisite rugs available. She is a savy, accom-plished and well-trayeled buyer. She is also involved in advertising

and media planning for the company and acts as a liason between the man-agers and the sales staff.

How much should someone expect to pay for a rug? "Making rugs is a labor intensive effort. For instance, to create an 8-foot by 10-foot rug takes 9



Hagopian Rug Outlet Edmond Hagopian

months time for four weavers. This doesn't include the time spent designing, spinning or dying the fibers to ship to the States," Hagopian said.

On average, shoppers should expect to pay anywhere from \$1,000 to \$4,000 for a hand-knotted \$6,000 to 10,000 t

for a hand-knotted 8-foot by 10-foot rug. Hagopian carries hand- and machine-made rugs, as well as carpet-

ing.
Hagopian World of Rugs is located
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