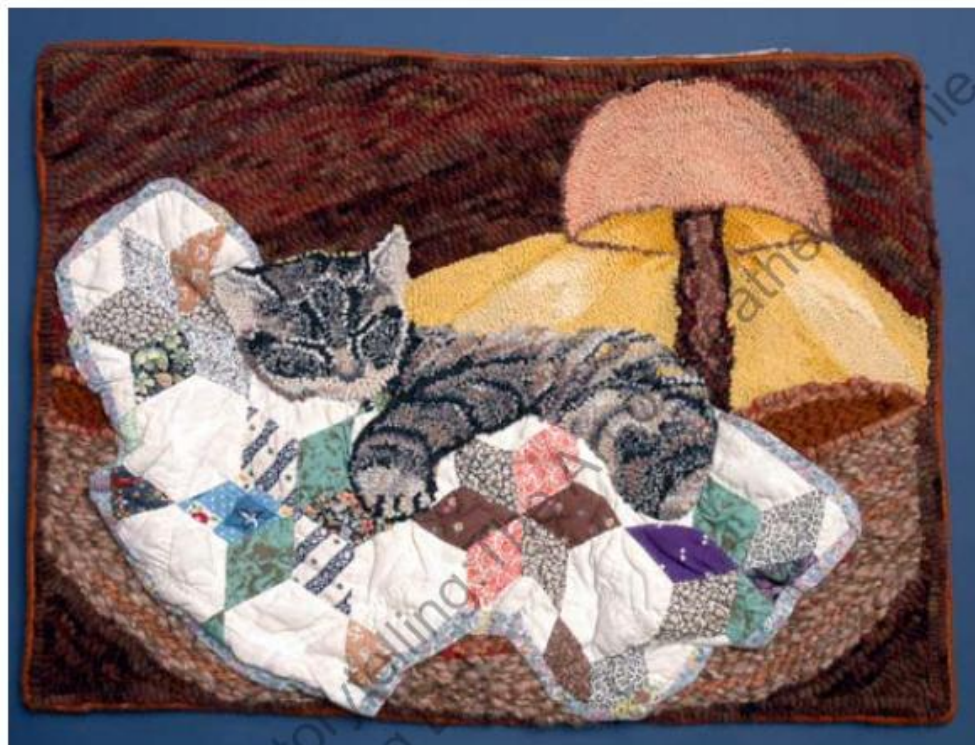


Timmy



Timmy, mixed media on even-weave Scottish hessian, 2001. 28 x 21 inches (71 x 53cm). Collection of the artist

The next rug features Timmy the cat, who is in the window in *Good Companions* (see Chapter 15) as well as beside the Aga on the top rug of *The Steps* (Chapter 10).

This charming rug is one of Heather's earliest experiments with mixed textures as well as mixed media, and Timmy has been given a beautiful and very real patchwork quilt from Heather's collection to lie on in his basket. The photo on which the rug was based shows that this generosity is typical of Heather; Timmy is lying on a warm and comfortable hooky rug with his head resting on a very labor-intensive patchwork quilt. Maybe Heather stumbled upon Timmy resting where he should not have been, but he looks very comfortable.

The Timmy in the rug looks younger, more of a kitten, so perhaps Heather is simply trying to justify and excuse allowing a cat such luxury by depicting him as a naughty kitten.



Heather's original photo of Timmy in the lap of luxury. Archives of the artist.