English Working Instructions:

Danella Stretching Frame (RAM1)



Figure 1: The stretching frame assembled without the canvas on.

The stretching frame consists of four frame pieces with dovetail hinges at the ends, 4 ledges with holes, 4 wedges and 56 nails.

Assembly

Start with the four frame pieces: turn the sloping side upward and outward. Push the four frame pieces together in each corner, leaving grooves on the outer side of each corner.

Attaching the canvas

Place the canvas over the frame. Put one of the long ledges onto the canvas and put one nail through the last hole on either side of it, then through the canvas and into the groove of the frame. After that, it will be easy to put the nails through the remaining holes. Try to make the line of nails follow one canvas thread. Take the opposite side of the frame and the corresponding ledge and proceed in the same way. Make sure to get all the



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Figure 2: Attaching the Canvas

ledges parallel to the gain of the canvas. Place the wedges into the space in each corner and gently tap them in with a soft hammer, making the frame larger. You might not be able to do this at first, but after a while, when you have started hooking, the canvas will expand a bit and you will be able to insert the remaining wedges. From now on, you can stretch the canvas with the four wedges every time the canvas loosens.

Changing Hooking Location

When moving the canvas to another area, remove the wedges from each corner, push the frame together, and remove the dowels with all the pins. A new area for hooking is placed on the frame. It is all right to put the pins through the hooked work in order to continue hooking the rug.

If you would like a stand to carry the frame on so you can sit you can purchase the Danella Stand (STA1), but you can also make one yourself. See DIY Stand Drawings: Danella Rug Hooking by Lena Dyrdal Andersen

