

# Hester Turns Art Interests Into Sock Design

When Bridgette Hester was a youngster she loved to paint and draw during her free time. Her interest in art has paid off for her.

Hester joined the Adams-Millis Product Development team as computer design specialist in February.

Shortly after arriving at Adams-Millis, she was pleased to find an advertisement in Women's Wear Daily featuring one of her designs -- the rose pattern, which features a sock with violets and foliage.

"I had been here a week when the ad came," she said.

With the ad also can an order from an Adams-Millis customer. Hester then redeveloped the design for a 200-needle machine on the Nagata computer and was able to enhance it because 200 needles allowed more detail than how it was done previously for 184-needle knitting machines.

Hester holds an Associate in Applied Science degree in commercial graphics from Randolph Technical College and has completed extended study on computers at Guilford Technical Community College.

"I loved computers right away," she said, "and to be able to combine art with speed, cleanliness and accuracy is great."

When Hester was a youngster, she enjoyed horseback riding, showing horses, drawing and painting in her free time.

"I still love horses and ride whenever I can," she said. "But I felt especially that I had a God-given talent around the age of 12 for drawing."

After trying other interests,



Bridgette Hester displays Women's Wear Daily ad beside sock bearing rose pattern.

such as piano and ballet and finding no particular skill there, she began to pursue art, which her mother encouraged greatly, enrolling her in private art lessons.

There Hester learned the proper way to apply oil, acrylics, pastels and colored pencils. Irene Poppy, Hester's art

instructor, inspired her even more to pursue her art talent. She is still perfecting a strong interest in portraits and oil painting in still life.

Hester is a member of the American Business Women's Association and an active member of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Greensboro.

The High Point native's love of horses was transferred to hosiery design soon after joining Adams-Millis when she was asked to develop a pattern featuring a rearing horse for Banana Republic. She also has developed another design with a cowboy roping a longhorn steer. Hester said she also enjoys lace designs and flower drawing best for women's designs.

"Seeing my designs in stores and in ads really pleases me," she said. "I hope I can be a valuable asset to Adams-Millis."

Away from work, Hester has a new hobby -- fiddling.

"I got interested through some friends about six or seven months ago," she said. "I love music but not for a career though."

Hester has played mainly bluegrass and gospel music with the fiddle including "Cripple Creek," "Love Me Tender" and "In The Garden" as some of her favorites.

"The fiddle is hard to play but I really love it for relaxation," she said.

## Tell Us About Your Grad

In the next couple of months relatives of many members of the Adams-Millis Family will celebrate graduations.

You are invited to share information about you or anyone in your immediate family who graduates this year whether from high school or college. As in the past we will publish information and photos of graduates in a future issue of the Amco News.

Please send the name of the graduate, name of the school or institution from which he or she is graduating, type of degree earned and employee's name and location.

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Above, Adams-Millis cheerleaders pose with pompons following their Valentine presentation for Northeast Middle School students. In addition to their cheering, they danced to "Achy Breaky Heart" and were joined by several students as they did the "Electric Slide," below.



Students present flowers to cheerleaders following program.



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