

GENERAL NEWS

# Hicks enjoys challenge of working with her hands

By Heather Mathes  
 or The Carlisle Mercury Staff  
 Working with your hands almost everyone has had the yearning sometime or another to be a craftsman.

The yearning to return to what has now become an art but was once a necessity for our forebears is a goal not easily achieved. One Nicholas County resident has achieved that goal; she becomes a craftsman and is able to share her talent with others as she seeks to market her craft.

Patty Hicks broke into the field of woodcraft over three years ago when a friend became interested in woodcraft and bought a jig saw.

"My husband had bought a saw, but I could never bring it out of the box until I had practiced in my friend's after that I just fell in love with it and have not stopped since then," said Hicks.

But since that time of bare beginnings Hicks has diversified her skill with other tools.

"Must use a ban saw because its more powerful and its stationary. But I am accustomed to moving the saw instead of the wood even though the jig saw burns out easily with all the use mine does receive."

"After all is finished I use a heavy duty sander for finishing and it is a hand held tool also."

Hicks added, "I also use an electric drill to start screws, drill holes for shaker pegs and things like that."

But bare beginnings don't start with tool use - they start with ideas.

Most of my ideas come from pattern books," Hicks explained.

"When I worked in Le-

gion I had access to a copy machine and could increase or decrease sizes, now I can cut my own patterns if I have an example to work with."

Most of Hicks' products carry a general theme along the lines of the present, what she terms, "country craze."

"The biggest colors involved in my work are the blues, whether they are the dark Williamsburg Blue or the lighter blue with rose and now a new twist of Neaves they stick with the country theme."

"The biggest favorite is the country goose on a chair."

and there is so much competition there nobody buys," said Hicks.

"How about opening a privately owned shop?"

"If you opened an independent shop you would have to double the prices to pay for the overhead - and you never know how long this country craze is going to last."

"In a small town I have a hard time getting more than \$15 out of one item, plus I would spend so much time running it that I would not be able to make any profits."

"As a craft show you spend all your profit into setting up

boards, wreaths, towel and napkin holders. Now the black and white Holstein cow is popular."

"But everyone has their favorite, some people like teddy bears and some like pigs, but everybody likes country," she said.

Even though Hicks finds enjoyment in her work, she also finds drawbacks.

"This year has turned out to be the biggest for me but my chief problem is finding a market to sell."

"A craft show you spend all your profit into setting up

boards, wreaths, towel and napkin holders. Now the black and white Holstein cow is popular."

"But everyone has their favorite, some people like teddy bears and some like pigs, but everybody likes country," she said.

Even though Hicks finds enjoyment in her work, she also finds drawbacks.

"This year has turned out to be the biggest for me but my chief problem is finding a market to sell."

"A craft show you spend all your profit into setting up

boards, wreaths, towel and napkin holders. Now the black and white Holstein cow is popular."

"But everyone has their favorite, some people like teddy bears and some like pigs, but everybody likes country," she said.

Even though Hicks finds enjoyment in her work, she also finds drawbacks.

"This year has turned out to be the biggest for me but my chief problem is finding a market to sell."

"A craft show you spend all your profit into setting up

boards, wreaths, towel and napkin holders. Now the black and white Holstein cow is popular."

"But everyone has their favorite, some people like teddy bears and some like pigs, but everybody likes country," she said.

Even though Hicks finds enjoyment in her work, she also finds drawbacks.

"This year has turned out to be the biggest for me but my chief problem is finding a market to sell."

"A craft show you spend all your profit into setting up

boards, wreaths, towel and napkin holders. Now the black and white Holstein cow is popular."

"But everyone has their favorite, some people like teddy bears and some like pigs, but everybody likes country," she said.

Even though Hicks finds enjoyment in her work, she also finds drawbacks.

"This year has turned out to be the biggest for me but my chief problem is finding a market to sell."

"A craft show you spend all your profit into setting up

boards, wreaths, towel and napkin holders. Now the black and white Holstein cow is popular."

"But everyone has their favorite, some people like teddy bears and some like pigs, but everybody likes country," she said.

Even though Hicks finds enjoyment in her work, she also finds drawbacks.

"This year has turned out to be the biggest for me but my chief problem is finding a market to sell."

"A craft show you spend all your profit into setting up

boards, wreaths, towel and napkin holders. Now the black and white Holstein cow is popular."

"But everyone has their favorite, some people like teddy bears and some like pigs, but everybody likes country," she said.

Even though Hicks finds enjoyment in her work, she also finds drawbacks.

"This year has turned out to be the biggest for me but my chief problem is finding a market to sell."

"A craft show you spend all your profit into setting up

boards, wreaths, towel and napkin holders. Now the black and white Holstein cow is popular."

"But everyone has their favorite, some people like teddy bears and some like pigs, but everybody likes country," she said.

Even though Hicks finds enjoyment in her work, she also finds drawbacks.

"This year has turned out to be the biggest for me but my chief problem is finding a market to sell."

"A craft show you spend all your profit into setting up

boards, wreaths, towel and napkin holders. Now the black and white Holstein cow is popular."

"But everyone has their favorite, some people like teddy bears and some like pigs, but everybody likes country," she said.



GETTING THE JOB DONE - Patty Hicks works with her projects while onlookers give approval. - Heather Mathes Photo

**DANIEL A. EWEN, M.D.**  
 Ophthalmology - Diseases and Surgery of The Eye.  
 Complete Eye Care Examinations For Adults And Children.  
 Cataract, Presbyopia, Contact Lenses, Laser and Surgery.  
 Wound/ing Diagnosis and Treatment of Cataracts, Glaucoma and Ocular Eye Disease.  
 All surgery performed at Clark County Hospital's New State Of The Art Eye Surgery Unit.  
**Eye Center Of The Bluegrass**  
 121 S. Main St., Suite 101 - Winchester, KY 40391  
 (606) 745-3060  
 Appointments available Mon. through Sat. including evenings. Emergency eye care available 24 hours a day every day.

**Let Colliver's Be Your Santa!**  
 Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
 December 2 - 3 - 4  
 No Payment Till March

**No Down Payment**

**Gun Cabinet**  
 Sale \$188.00  
 Reg. \$268.00

**Oak Table**  
 Bear Claw Base  
 6 Chairs  
 Sale \$788.00  
 Reg. \$1298.00

**Roll Top Desk**  
 Sale \$388.00  
 Reg. \$698.00

**Colliver Recliners**  
 Buy 1 Get 1 FREE  
**\$198.00**  
 All Recliners On Sale Lane & Catnapper

**Curio Cabinets**  
 Sale \$188.00  
 Reg. \$298.00

**Bedroom Suite**  
 Dresser, Mirror, Chest Bed & Frame, Night Stand  
 Sale \$388.00  
 Reg. \$798.00

**Sofa, Chair & Loveseat**  
 3 piece - 1  
 Sale \$488.00  
 Reg. \$998.00

**Colliver Furniture**  
 Wise Buys  
 Rt. 1 Poplar Plains - Ph. 848-4232 - Flemingsburg, Kentucky  
 OPEN - Mon. thru Sat. 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. - Sunday 12 Noon till 6 P.M.