



Pinning With a Purpose

Jamie Preisner is one of those rare, inspiring people who actually makes some of the things she pins on Pinterest. An avid baker and crafter, Jamie enjoys trying new things, whether it's whipping up a new recipe or upcycling an old piece of furniture, all with the help of her handy husband, James.

The most recent piece of furniture Jamie upcycled is also her favorite. A few weeks ago, she spotted a rickety, antique rocking chair on the side of the road and had to have it.

"It was really cool," the Topeka native said. "Because it was one of those low-back wooden ones."

So she threw her car in reverse and put the rocking chair in the back seat.

James, who is an independent contractor, helped make it sturdier, and Jamie finished it off with new upholstery and a coat of black paint. According to Jamie, it's really cute, and if you know anything about Jamie, you'd expect nothing less.

Jamie started at Advisors Excel in March 2014 as a receptionist, after working at Aviva. She joined AEMI in early 2015 and hasn't looked back. Although she loves her job, following up on meetings the sales team makes with consumers and ensuring the right people get paid, it's not necessarily the daily work that makes her happy to show up every morning.

"The thing I love most is my team," Jamie said. "Because everyone is fun and funny, and we get along really well."

As an internal lead support representative in AEMI, Jamie rarely gets to use her artistic talents. But when she does, she goes all out. For advisor Bob Woods' pep rally last year, Jamie's team thought her poster was so well done that they had it framed and shipped to him as a special PPI from AEMI.

After work, Jamie goes home and gets creative in the kitchen. She and James enjoy cooking together, usually with some music and a glass of wine, and testing out new recipes Jamie finds on Pinterest. Creating exotic new recipes is always exciting, but one of their favorite things to make is specialty grilled cheeses.

"There's one that we make that has pork and apples and smoked Gouda," Jamie said, laughing. "So good."

Sound yummy? Jamie's more than willing to share the recipe with any fellow foodies at AE, so send her an email!