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ChaChaBella senior artist Robin Wittlinger of BridgeMill creates a hand-enameled wine glass.

# homemade STYLE

Local ladies' handiwork adds sparkle and shine to your look

A little girl power has made Cherokee County a more stylish address.

A circle of BridgeMill ladies adds sparkle with ChaChaBella jewelry and accessories, while a Woodstock mom shares Rinse's sweet-smelling beauty treatments.

The homemade creations by women for women are stirring up quite a following locally and across the country.



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Top: A stunning toffee-colored crystal highlights this sterling silver necklace. Middle: The 'Eve' friendship ring handcrafted of Swarovski crystals and sterling silver. Bottom: The 'Carol' friendship ring handcrafted of Swarovski crystals and sterling silver.



ChaChaBella girls, from left, Chrissie Leslie, Robin Wittlinger, Heather Roe Thompson and Suzanne Taylor, all of BridgeMill, fill orders for the company's handcrafted jewelry.

In addition to rings, now also offers sparkly wine glasses, necklaces, bracelets, other accessories like T-shirts and totes and custom jewelry.

The accessories are sold in local boutiques, online at [www.chachabella.com](http://www.chachabella.com) and soon will be in stores nationwide. The company's newest ring, ChaCha for the Cure, benefits the Georgia Cancer Foundation.

The ChaCha team now includes: her mom, Executive Partner Linda M. Roe of Atlanta; her sister, Anji Roe Wood of Madison, Wisc., who oversees public relations; senior artist Robin Wittlinger of BridgeMill; Mary Ann Bowling and Suzanne Taylor, both of BridgeMill and in charge of "sales extraordinaire"; Daniela Brand, Chrissie Leslie and Brett Ridgeway, all of BridgeMill, and Tammy Olsen of Towne Lake.

"I've met so many creative, amazing women out there, and I love seeing what they are able to do," she said. "As we grow, we hire more women. Every customer becomes a part of the family."

### Rinse Bath & Body Co.

Heather Swanepoel of Woodstock was just looking for a creative outlet.

Already busy with work and her infant son, she didn't think it would lead to a successful business.

"If you would have told me a couple of years ago that I would be making and selling soap, I would have said you were crazy," she said.

Today, Mrs. Swanepoel heads up Rinse Bath & Body Co., which makes natural beauty products with hip packaging and clever names that have caught the attention of national publications like Lucky magazine.

She discovered her soap-making knack in a crafts class with her mom.

"When the class was all over, my soap was perfect, and my mom's didn't come out at all. That's when I knew I had uncovered some secret talent," she said.

She soon was whipping up so much soap, she needed to give some away to family and friends. When people started asking for more and insisting on paying, plans for Rinse began bubbling up.

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