

## Spotlight on: Brittany Hatch

Brittany Hatch, a Mesa resident and an interior-design student at Mesa Community College, used her sister's fight with a neuromuscular disease as her inspiration for a wall hanging she designed for MCC's Life Science Building. Hatch and fellow students Peggy Perkins, Stacy Schneider and Sarah Todd also took science patterns to make custom wall hangings for the building.

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### **MICROSCOPE START**

At the beginning of the project, students examined patterns seen through a microscope to get inspirations for their designs. MCC said in a release, adding "they sketched the patterns that interested them onto paper, added color and refined the designs."

### **'WIN-WIN'**

Life-science faculty member Andrew Baldwin thought the walls needed dressing up but didn't want to incur the expense of hiring someone to do it. "I saw this as a win-win situation," he said, because students displayed their work and their works "make our student soft spaces more educational and friendly."

### **HER CHOICE**

Hatch found a neuron pattern that reminded her of her sister, Crista, who was diagnosed at age 15 with myasthenia gravis, an autoimmune disease in which the neurons don't always work correctly and causes muscle fatigue and other symptoms.

### **QUOTE**

"I decided I wanted to make this design about her and her fight," Hatch said. "She has since overcome it and is in remission now. The project was very meaningful to both of us."