

# *My interview with Meagan Christie - Carpenter*

*How did you  
get into  
carpentry?*

*I originally went to  
university, and then got  
into carpentry when I  
took a carpentry class  
for woman and really  
loved it, so I made a  
career change.*

*What is the  
best part of  
your job?*

*My favourite part of  
carpentry is seeing the  
progress in my work  
every day, and how  
hands-on my job is.*

What is a challenge you face in your job?

A challenge in my job is working outdoors in all sorts of weather, which can be difficult, and the physical part of the job can also be exhausting (but all jobs can be exhausting!)

What does a normal work day look like for you?

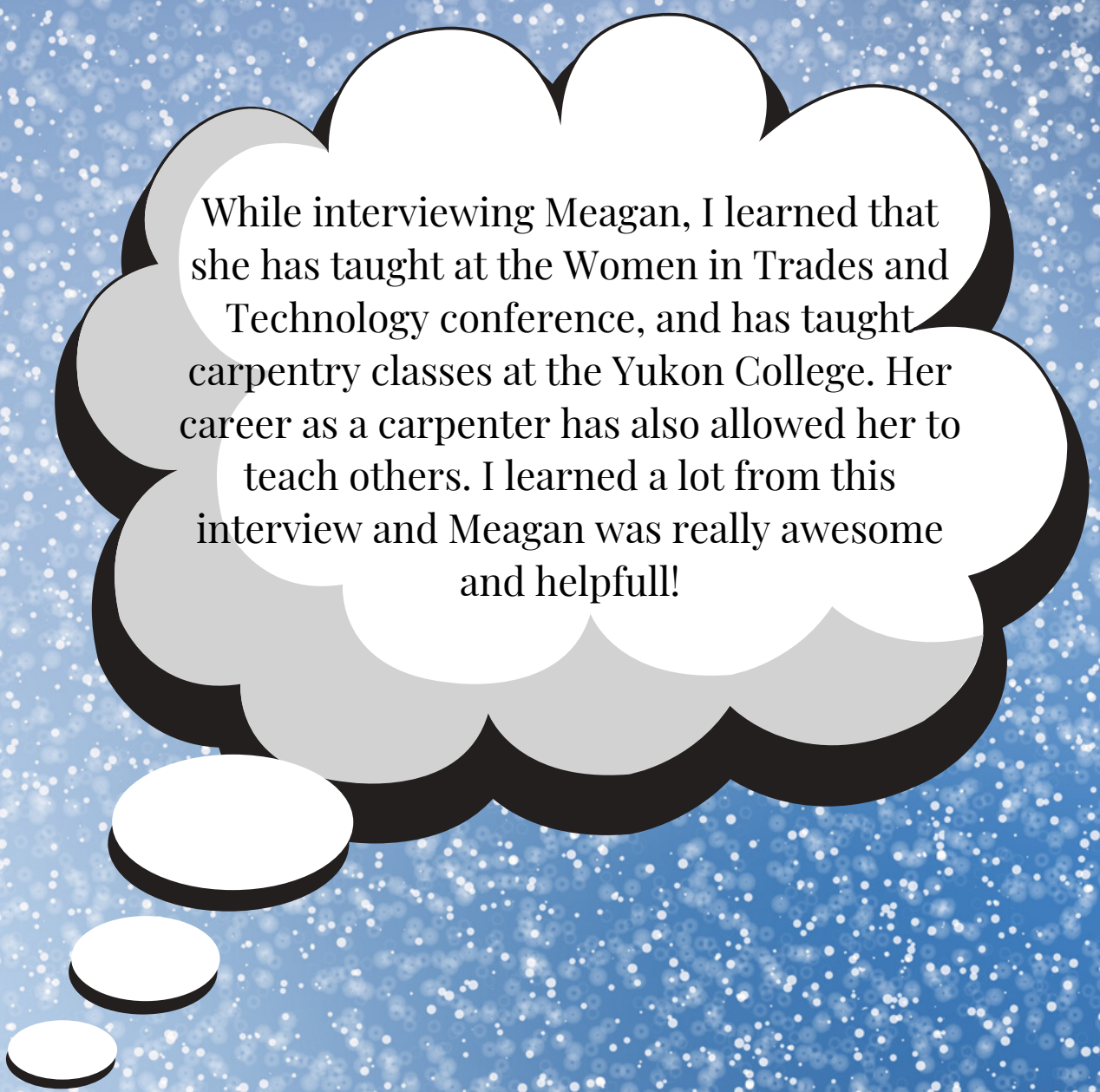
In some places, I would be specialized to one area of construction (just framing, or working on tiles, always doing the same thing). Here, I can work on a wide variety of jobs and get lots of different experiences.

*What is the process like to get into carpentry?*

*You need to complete grade 10 English, math and science, then you can start an apprenticeship. Next you need to find a journeyman who you will work for and learn from. There are ways you can start before graduating high school.*

*What is something you want people to know about carpentry and the trades?*

*I want people to know that girls can do these jobs just as well as any man, and that this career is a really good option for girls.*



While interviewing Meagan, I learned that she has taught at the Women in Trades and Technology conference, and has taught carpentry classes at the Yukon College. Her career as a carpenter has also allowed her to teach others. I learned a lot from this interview and Meagan was really awesome and helpfull!