



AMY DEVERS | ART/DESIGN

Profile

Amy Devers is an artist, designer, maker, host/producer of design-related media, and Emmy Award-winning television personality who is on a mission to expand our cultural understanding of design through the power of popular media.

Devers is armed with both formal education and practical hands-on experience. She holds an MFA in Furniture Design from Rhode Island School of Design, has done a major stint as a chief prototype fabricator and machine shop foreman, and has spent years as an independent designer/builder of furniture, art and interiors. A fine artist as well as a designer, she has exhibited internationally in galleries and museums.

She's also made a name for herself on the small screen, demonstrating her skills and know-how as the host of several television series dealing with topics ranging from home-improvement to international design, architecture, culture, and food.

In 2016 Devers launched *Clever*, a podcast about design. Devers and her co-host, Jaime Derringer, offer a window into the humanity behind the design that shapes our world through candid and revealing conversations with leading creatives from all disciplines.

Active in the global design community, she travels the world as a speaker, design juror, and guest critic and lecturer at academic institutions.

Education

Rhode Island School of Design - MFA, Furniture Design, 2012

San Diego State University - BA, Applied Design with an emphasis in Furniture Design, 1997

SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology - AAS, Fashion Buying and Merchandising, 1991

Experience

Media Production,
On-Camera Talent
& Voice Talent

Devers Endeavors On-Camera & Voice Talent | Design/Build Expert 2003 - Present
Emmy Award-winning on-camera host and voice talent with hands-on expertise in furniture design and making, interior and landscape design, fine woodworking, framing and finish carpentry, home improvement, and lifestyle subjects such as food, travel, sustainability and wellness as well as international design and architecture.

Selected Projects:
Podcasts

Clever Creator/Producer/Host 2016 - Present
Conceived of, created, produce and host a podcast series that presents a window into the humanity behind design. Designer Amy Devers and Design Milk's Jaime Derringer are having candid and revealing conversations with the super-smart people who are shaping the world around us, helping to foster a more meaningful connection to the built world. Notable *Clever* interviews include Daniel Libeskind, Paola Antonelli, Rosanne Somerson, Norm Abram, Terry Crews, and Humberto Campana. Consistently in iTunes' top design podcasts, *Clever* has amassed over 1.2 million downloads and produced 95+ episodes, including episodes taped in front of a live audience and custom sponsored content for such clients as Tarkett, Interface, BeOriginal Americas, RISD & DesignxRI, and Wanted Design.

	<p>NeoConversations Creator/Producer/Host</p> <p>Conceived of, created, produce and host a podcast series for NeoCon. NeoCon is the commercial design industry's launch pad for innovation, offering ideas and introductions that shape the built environment today and into the future. Host Amy Devers talks to interesting thinkers, players, movers & shakers in the contract furniture industry about topics like wellness in the workplace, collaboration, flexible space design, sustainability, and products that improve well-being and productivity. 7+ episodes.</p>	2018 - Present
TV Series	<p>Home Made Simple OWN Carpenter & Lifestyle Expert</p> <p>On-camera carpenter on Emmy-winning TV series that pairs inspiring families with a team of professional designers, carpenters and special guest artists to work together to create simple solutions to everyday home challenges and design dilemmas. Responsible for designing and building furniture and interior/exterior build-outs on-camera while teaching homeowners and the audience the step-by-step process. Consulted on feasibility of projects, including cost, material, skill level of the process for content and production purposes. Executed all projects on job-sites, under very tight deadlines with agility for making modifications (that served both production needs and content purposes) on the fly. 4 Seasons / 17 episodes</p>	2011 - 2014
	<p>Victory Garden's Edible Feast PBS Host</p> <p>Host of <i>Victory Garden's edibleFEAST</i>, a fresh take on the long-running PBS series, <i>The Victory Garden</i>. 1 season / 13 episodes</p>	2013 - 2014
	<p>Fix This Yard A&E Host & Designer</p> <p>Host & Designer of A&E's popular landscape makeover series in which the most dilapidated front yard on the block is completely renovated into the envy of the neighborhood, triggering a handsome boost to the property value as well. Responsible for teaching homeowners how to spend their money wisely on practical and easy techniques for updating and maintaining their yards. Consulted on and executed exterior furniture, architecture, paint, hardscaping and landscape details. 4 seasons / 30 episodes</p>	2010 - 2013
	<p>Designer People Ovation Host</p> <p>Host & Design Journalist of Ovation's showcase of international high design and architecture. Traveled the globe to interview the world's leading designers in architecture, communication, fashion, industrial design and interior design. Each episode centered on the creative insight of an acclaimed designer whose work shapes our lives and our surroundings. Featured designers included: Marcel Wanders, Marc Newson, Zandra Rhodes, Ilan Waisbrod, Mitchell Wolfson Jr., Bjarke Ingels, Jürgen Mayer H., Emmanuel Picault, Zaha Hadid, Karim Rashid, M/M (Paris), Michael Young, Gilles & Boissier among many other leading talents. Broadcast in 17 regions internationally, 1 season / 13 episodes</p>	2009 - 2010

Designer Travel International Networks Host 2009 - 2011

Host & Design Explorer - Unravelling the creative DNA of a destination, Designer Travel provides a dynamic city profile, giving an “insider’s” perspective. Eschewing all things chain, bland and mass market it provides an entertaining guide map to the cool and cutting edge. Hosted by artist and designer, Amy Devers, Designer Travel profiles leading creatives across the entire design spectrum as they take us on an “urban excursion” through the cities in which they live, work and play. Broadcast in 19 different regions internationally, 1 season / 13 episodes

Trading Spaces TLC Carpenter 2008

On-Camera carpenter on TLC’s hit makeover show. In *Trading Spaces*, two sets of neighbors redecorate a room in each others home. Teams have only two days and a \$1000 budget to complete the redesign. Responsible for building, finishing and installing all manner of furniture and architectural build-outs on a very tight schedule. Conducted on-camera demonstrations. Showed special skill in creative construction methods, agility and resourcefulness in high-stress conditions. 1 season / 11 episodes

Blog Cabin DIY Host, Designer & Contractor 2007

Host, Designer and Contractor on DIY’s groundbreaking multimedia experience based on a very simple idea: You Design It, We Build It, You Could Win It! This truly interactive series asked internet users to vote on the design features for a real vacation getaway. Then Amy Devers and her team built an original log cabin in the Kinzel Springs area of the Smoky Mountains that became a luxurious home for a lucky sweepstakes winner. 1 season / 15 episodes

Freeform Furniture DIY Host & Designer 2005

On DIY’s *Freeform Furniture*, furniture designer Amy Devers illustrates her techniques for designing and building original, functional pieces of contemporary furniture. You can follow Amy’s steps for making projects of wood, metal, laminate, plastic and glass to achieve the sleek, fluid lines that characterize modern furniture design. Responsible for designing original works of furniture that included fine woodworking and hand skills as well as knowledge and fluency with manufacturing techniques and processes. Consulted and executed on all aspects of furniture design and construction in a variety of materials. 2 seasons / 26 episodes

DIY to the Rescue DIY Host & Home Improvement Expert 2003 - 2009

DIY Network’s flagship home improvement series. Responsible for teaching and demonstrating all manner of home improvement projects, i.e., installing kitchen cabinets, laying tile, hanging wallpaper, installing glass block, tin ceilings, lighting systems, built-in shelves and the like. Several special episodes – Detroit Tigers’ spring training facility, historic Tampa Theatre, Grand Ole Opry dressing rooms, and a post-hurricane Katrina rebuild with Dr. Phil. 9 seasons / 112+ episodes

Digital Video &
Branded Content

The Spruce Home Improvement Expert 2018 - Present
Resident on-camera home improvement expert and consultant for popular home repair and interior decorating publisher. Demonstrate all manner of how-to projects from refinishing furniture to rewiring electrical outlets and more.

Krylon Presents: The World's Longest Yard Sale Host & DIY Expert 2015
Shorty Award-winning promotional campaign from Deutsch for Krylon featuring DIY expert Amy Devers road-tripping the Route 127 World's Longest Yard Sale, gathering unique items and upgrading them for resale with fresh Krylon paint schemes. The items were then sold for charity in the first-ever Pinterest yard sale.

A&E Big Fix Makeovers Host & Designer 2011
In A&E's Big Fix Mini-Makeover series, Amy Devers designs easy, budget-friendly makeovers for a Kitchen, Living Room, and Bedroom.

Urban Eco Host & Sustainable Lifestyle Expert 2011 - 2012
Digital series for Whole Foods Markets about exploring fun and creative ways of living healthier, more sustainable lives.

Author

Hands On with Amy Devers ReadyMade Magazine Advice Columnist 2010 - 2011
Advice column for ReadyMade Magazine in which Amy Devers answered readers' queries (both in the print magazine and in the online blog) about any DIY dilemma they might be facing with humor and real nuts-and-bolts practical advice.

Lifestyled Modern Ink Magazine Advice Columnist 2011 - 2012
Advice column tackling reader dilemmas about everything from restoring vintage vehicles, to making the most of your downtime.

DIY to the Rescue 50 Home Improvement Projects Lark Books Author 2006
Compilation of some of the best projects from the hit DIY TV series with step-by-step instructions and photos.

**Design/Build,
Manufacturing
& Fine Art**

Amy Devers | Art/Design Principal 2001 - Present
Design and build of original furniture, functional products, and custom interiors for private commission, commercial clients and gallery sales. Project management and premium fabrication consulting for Fine Art and commercial clients. Art handling, and restoration. Fine Artist working in mixed-media sculpture. Finish carpentry. Employ knowledge of ergonomics, engineering, functionality, durability and cost effectiveness. Skilled in all phases of project execution including generating and presenting ideas, coordinating production, developing client relations, procuring materials, and estimating costs. Fabrication expertise with wood, upholstery, metal, plastic, ceramics, textiles, paints/finishes, and electrical.

Selected Projects

Feminine Occult by Tanya Aguiñiga Project Manager, Chief Fabricator 2017 - 2018
Public art installation consisting of several large sculptures and benches with ultra suede upholstery and rope formations stiffened with resin and copper plated.

Navdy Pod by Council Upholstery Ninja 2017
Worked serious magic with danish wool on a complex large-scale (the size of a car) demo display unit designed to showcase an after-market heads-up navigation display designed by Council for Navdy.

J. Prichard Design Art Fabrication and Installation Consultant 2001 - Present
Consult and execute with ceramic artist Jennifer Prichard on complex installations in residential and commercial locations.

PMCA Shop Design / Build 2001 - 2002
The Pasadena Museum of California Art was founded to honor the rich and eclectic artistic and cultural history of California. The Los Angeles architectural firm Johnson Favaro Architecture and Urban Design was commissioned to create the Museum. Inside, the museum is home to a unique gift store and gallery, PMCA Shop, which was designed and fabricated by Amy Devers Art/Design.

Fleming Residence Design / Build 2004
Design and build of several custom high end works of furniture including bookshelves, a mantle, a bed and a very extensive vinyl record library designed to work with the architecture of the residence.

PropArt DuPont Design, Inc., San Diego, CA Purchasing Manager 1998 - 1999
Responsible for researching materials and manufacturing processes/facilities, negotiating costs, placing orders, arranging shipping and following up all transactions at visual merchandising display design and manufacturing firm. Developed beneficial relationships with vendors and subcontractors. Special talent in locating and procuring obscure materials, working directly with designers to ensure most cost effective production solution, and suggesting use of more efficient material, fabrication or packaging techniques while maintaining integrity of design as top priority. Required knowledge of many and diverse manufacturing processes. Served as de facto project manager.

PropArt DuPont Design, Inc., San Diego, CA Machine Shop Lead 1997 - 1998
Responsible for prototyping and fabricating mixed-media visual merchandising displays, dimensional signage, environmental designs and gift products. Developed production plans and schedules. Special talent in streamlining production operations for maximum efficiency. Supervised production and assembly operations. Monitored product quality.

Teaching Experience

Collegiate

OTIS College of Art and Design Los Angeles, CASenior Lecturer, Product Design Dept., Integrated Design Studio, Senior Level
Thesis consultant for senior level product design students.

2012

Guest Critic, Product Design Dept.

2010 - Present

Rhode Island School of Design Providence, RI

Instructor, Introduction to Furniture Design

2000

Taught beginning level design and fabrication for furniture. Composed lesson plans, engineered and performed demonstrations of fabrication, joinery, finishing and safety techniques. Met with students daily to discuss progress and problem-solve individual projects, provided regular critiques of student design and performance. Researched and assembled slide lectures.

Teaching Assistant, Furniture Design Department

1991 - 2001

Assisted instructors with regard to demonstrations, critiques, and helping students. Provided technical support with regard to upholstery, bent laminations, metal fabrication, textiles, use of mixed-media and fine wood working.

Guest Critic, Furniture Design Dept.

2011, 2017

California College of the Arts San Francisco, CA

Guest Critic, Furniture Design Dept.

2005, 2012

San Diego State University San Diego, CA

Guest Critic and Lecturer

2010

Teaching Assistant, Intro to Furniture Design

1997

Public Speaking**Amy Devers** Speaker

2003 - Present

Keynote speaker, design juror, lecturer, panelist & moderator, workshops and seminars.

Driven By Design Lecture, RIT, Vignelli Design Center

2019

Creative Superheroes: A 3-Pronged Strategy for Saving the World

Keynote, Color Marketing Group, Color Summit '18

2018

Alumni Shorts: Unexpected Career Paths Storytelling panel, RISD

2018

Design Awards 8 Juror, AHEC, Mexico City, MX

2018

Wood Platform Framing Seminar, Softwood Export Council, Bangkok, Thailand

2017

What Do We Mean When We Say American Design? Moderator, Wanted Design

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Design Awards 7 Juror, AHEC, Mexico City, MX

2016

Hi, I'm Amy Keynote, RISD Alumni Weekend

2014

Wood is Sexy Presentation, AHEC, AMPIMM, Mexico City, MX

2014

More Money, Faster Sale Keynote, Evansville Home Show

2013

My Work and Influences Lecture, AHEC, China Academy of Art

2012

Selected Publications	Magenta <i>Revealing the Person Behind the Design</i>	May 2019
	Architectural Digest <i>10 Design Podcasts You Should Download Right Now</i>	May 2018
	Providence Journal <i>Clever and the Best Home Design Podcasts to Listen To</i>	May 2018
	Fast Company <i>Krylon Is Bringing The World's Largest Yard Sale to Pinterest</i>	August 2015
	The New York Times <i>Pull Up a Chair, Then Fix It</i>	May 2012
	RISD XYZ <i>Doing It Differently in A DIY World</i>	2011
	Woodcraft Magazine <i>Fast Forward: Meet Amy Devers</i>	2005
Exhibitions	Tonic Sol Koffler Gallery, Providence, RI	2001
	Amy Devers: Car and Driver – Furniture and Accessories Gallery NAGA, Boston, MA	2001
	Outcome: Works by Amy Devers Flor Y Canto Gallery, San Diego, CA	1997
	Le Bain Gallery NAGA, Boston, MA	2001
	Annual Graduate Student Exhibition The RISD Museum, Providence, RI	2001
	SaloneSatellite Fiera Milano, Milan, Italy	2000
Awards	The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences	
	Daytime Emmy Award Outstanding Lifestyle Program Home Made Simple	2015
	Rhode Island School of Design	
	Award of Excellence	2000
	Furniture Dept. Graduate Award of Excellence	2000
	San Diego State University	
Paul Lingren Memorial Scholarship	1997	