

STYLE MAKERS



Seth Meyer and John Wells carve out time to showcase their work in their Seattle woodshop. *Opposite:* This bedroom features a Meyer Wells platform bed formed from locally salvaged sycamore and reclaimed Douglas fir beams.

PORTRAIT AND TOP RIGHT: AMOS MORGAN, OPPOSITE: MICHAEL WALMSLEY

The fact that a walnut slab became a mascot of sorts at Meyer Wells speaks volumes about the passion of its founders. In 2006, craftsman Seth Meyer and designer John Wells salvaged a mammoth tree that wound up in their shop as fodder for their geometric furniture creations. “There were opportunities to cut it up or use it for something that wasn’t an appropriate resting place,” Meyer says. “Finally, the right project came along.” Respect for nature is a priority at the Seattle company—a commitment that manifests in all of the duo’s workings, from the use of reclaimed urban trees to sustainable design and green processes. Plus, such trees provide wide planks of wood with remarkable personality. “They have character, such as pruning scars and things that show human interaction,” remarks Wells. The final product, Meyer says, is a collaboration among himself, Wells, the client—and the nature of the wood itself. “All these influences yield unexpected and wonderful results.” *meyerwells.com; 206.282.0076*

Seth Meyer and John Wells build furniture using salvaged woods that tell a tree’s story and show its character.



## TREE HUGGERS

# SETH MEYER & JOHN WELLS



### Keepsakes:

SM: A handmade gearshift knob from my first car and tools that I inherited from my stepfather and grandfather. JW: A wedding stick—my wife and I mark significant life events on it.

### Design Icons:

SM: John Makepeace, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Jacques-Émile Ruhlmann and George Nakashima. JW: Corbusier’s Ronchamp Cathedral and the Zuiho-in Temple in Kyoto.

### On My Nightstand:

SM: A couple of books on parenting and William Gibson’s *Mona Lisa Overdrive*. JW: *Thirteen Moons: A Novel* by Charles Frazier, and a glass of water.

### Next Big Buys:

SM: A really fat pair of powder skis. JW: Land zoned for level 2 forestry.

### Top Shops:

SM: Hardwick’s Swap Shop (a favorite place to shop for tools), Filson for durable clothes, some of which are still made locally, REI and Sonic Boom Records. JW: White Sage Studio in Ballard, Seva Home in South Lake Union and Nube Green on Capitol Hill.