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"I'm not playing a character on the show," says Gunn (in L.A. April 27). "I'm just myself. So I'm grateful that people like me."

SMOKING GUNN

Red-hot *Project Runway* star Tim Gunn dishes about his shy childhood, his cool new job and the perks of being famous **BY BETH PERRY**

Make no mistake: Having your own catchphrase isn't easy. "People come up and say, 'It's my friend's birthday. Can you call her cell phone and say, 'Make it work?'" says *Project Runway* star Tim Gunn, who made the directive famous on the show. "I've left messages for people saying, 'This is Tim Gunn. Make it work.' It's a little strange, but I'm happy to do it."

