



25 Things You Didn't Know About HGTV's David Bromstad



To see David Bromstad on HGTV is to love him. The host, judge, and mentor has appeared on more of the network's shows than we can count. He's got a dedicated following on social media, and fans can't seem to get enough. David mixes an eye for high style with an approachable and fun manner he undoubtedly honed while growing up in the Midwest.

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In honor of David's birthday this week, we're dug up 25 fun and fascinating tidbits about the HGTV star. Whether you're a Bromstad superfan or curious to know more, these facts are sure to entertain and educate.



1 He's 1 of 4

David is the youngest of four siblings born to Diane and Richard Bromstad.

2 He Has 2 Dogs

David's family also includes two dogs named [Miss Lady Godiva Bonbon and Dozer Bubbas](#).

3 He Has a Kardashian Connection

In 2012, David hosted a season of [Design Star](#) in which contestants [made over Kris Jenner's office](#).

4 He Worked For Disney

Before hitting it big on television, he studied at the Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, FL, and went on to score a job with Disney.

5 He Wrote About His Mom on Mother's Day

In 2015, [David wrote an article about his mother](#) for [Mother's Day](#) in which he said she reminds him of the color red. "My mother, Diane Bromstad, is vibrant, feisty, tender, loving, understanding, caring and just simply divine," he wrote in the **Miami Herald**. "When I think of her, I always feel loved, and red to me is a color of love."

6 He's a Frequent Flier

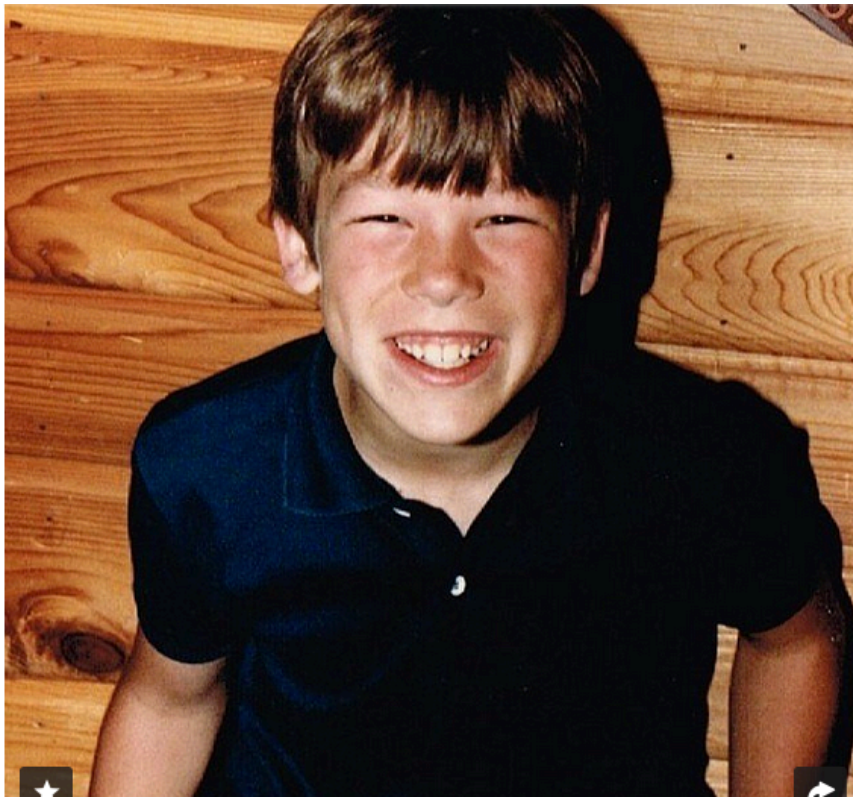
David is a pro when it comes to an airplane selfie. He's said that he generally prefers flying, as he [doesn't like driving a car](#).

7 He Goes With His Gut

The [biggest design lesson](#) David has learned, he says, is to "go with your first instincts."

8 His Home Is Full of Color

A [peek inside David's Miami home](#) shows that he puts his money where his mouth is when it comes to incorporating color into residential design.



9 He's a Family Man

David is **very close with his family**. In a 2012 interview, David said, "My family, they are just my best friends. I lean on them every single day of my life. They are so supportive of everything I do. They love me no matter what."

10 He's Got a Design Icon

He has said that he's most inspired by **architect Philippe Starck**.

11 He's Logged Nearly a Decade on HGTV

He first appeared on HGTV back in 2006, when he won the debut season of the show **HGTV Design Star**.

12 He's a Leo

Born in August, David's astrological sign is Leo.

13 He's Intrigued by Bieber

David was once asked which celebrity he'd like to be for just one day. His reply? [Justin Bieber](#).

14 He's a Network Go-To

David has appeared on a number of shows on HGTV, including **Color Splash With David Bromstad**, **Color Splash Miami**, **Flipping the Block**, **HGTV Design Star**, **HGTV'd**, **Bang for Your Buck**, and, as of 2015, **Beach Flip** with Josh Temple and Nicole Curtis (pictured).

15 He Has a Secret Vice

When asked if he had a secret vice, David [confessed he's addicted to America's Top Model](#).

16 Good Taste Runs in His Family

David said in 2013 that [his sister is a great designer, too](#), commenting, "She has a wonderful eye for design and her house is really spectacular. "



17 He's All About the Sunshine State

David now lives in Miami Beach. Of his home base, **David has said**, "I really like to lay on the beach. I like relaxing because my life is a little hectic."

18 He's a Minnesotan

He grew up in Cokato, Minnesota.

19 He's a Gym Guy

David loves to work out, and **has referred to himself as** "kind of an exhibitionist."

20 He's a Big Part of the HGTV Family

David seems to know everyone on the network. He's shot **behind the scenes videos** with **Flip or Flop's** Tarek and Christina (pictured), and says **Genevieve Gorder is one of his best friends.**

21 He's a Pro Woodworker

Thanks to his stint at Disney, David learned to work with his hands. He described **learning to work with wood**, saying, "That's thanks to Disney again. I was working onsite at the Disney parks doing murals, painting sculptures, and one of the managers of Animal Kingdom said, 'Hey, can you do woodworking?' I said yes, even though I had never done it."

22 He's All About Accessories

For David, the easiest and most wallet-friendly way to update a space is **through accessories**. He said, "For me, it's all about changing the accessories. That is the easiest and most fun way to change your apartment. I do it once a week. You can go into Target and grab a ton of them to figure out what works and then just take the others back. The great thing is that everyone has return policies."

23 He Once Decorated Model Homes

After working at Disney, David went on to design **fantastical children's rooms** for a series of model homes.



24 He's a Collaborator

David is no stranger to linking up with different businesses to showcase his talents. He's worked on collaborations with Coffee-mate, Grandin Road, Naturalizer shoes, and more.

25 He Has Many Tattoos

David has been inked a number of times, but the tattoo on his chest has special significance. [Explaining the body art](#), David said, "It doesn't only say "limited edition"— below that it says 1/1 so I won't be duplicated!"