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## 26 Female Artists on Lynda Benglis and the Art World's Gender Problems (NSFW)

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### SAM MOYER (b. 1983)

Lynda is a hero of mine. She was one of the first female sculptors I discovered. I remember watching a video of her making one of her bow pieces when I was 19 years old and thinking, *She just does it; she lets it [the material] do what it wants, still knowing what she wants it to do.* I think I was struck by the ease of her confidence. I later, luckily, had the opportunity for a few studio visits and even worked for her for a minute. No matter the content or context of our conversations, that ease of confidence was present. Her ease is what struck me; it is and was so natural. That is still what I take away from the *Artforum* ad, the naturalness of it. It works because she is the one doing it, and she lets things do what they will but knows what she wants them to do.

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