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<b>Skill Level</b> 	<b>Estimated Cost</b> <b>\$500</b>	<b>Time</b>  <b>1 Day</b>
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### TOOLS & MATERIALS

pressure washer • hose • scrub brush • degreaser • spray bottle • 2-1/2" drywall screws  
Craftsman VersaTrack • level • tape measure • pencil • painter's tape • plastic sheeting  
utility knife • gloves • ear plugs • safety glasses • drill • stud finder • bucket



#### STEP 1

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#### STEP 2

When the garage is empty use a broom or leaf blower to remove cobwebs from the walls and rafters.

#### STEP 3

If the garage floor has oil spots, use a degreaser made especially for concrete. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for amounts and application. We found that using a good old-fashioned scrub brush with a degreaser works best to remove oil stains.

#### STEP 4

Before using a pressure washer on the garage floor, hang plastic sheeting along the walls to protect them from overspray. Painter's tape works best for hanging the plastic.



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### **STEP 5**

Keep the pressure washer just outside the garage door so it's well ventilated during use.

### **STEP 6**

Pressure-wash the floor of the garage taking special care in the areas that have been treated with degreaser. Use the nozzle designed for cleaning concrete to have the correct spray and pressure settings.

### **STEP 7**

When the floors are clean and dry, begin to lay out a plan for storage solutions. Try to use as much vertical space as possible. We used a VersaTrack system because it provides a lot of options for hooks, shelves and baskets. Make sure to secure the tracks to the wall studs. Mark the studs and then use a level to draw an even line to serve as a guide, then secure the track to the wall using 2-<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" screws. Double-check the levelness of the track before screwing it to the wall.



### **STEP 8**

Bicycles can take up a lot of space. If you don't use yours every day, consider installing bike hooks to hang them on the wall, up and out of the way. Remember to also make space for bike accessories and necessities like helmets, clip-on baskets and sunscreen.



### **STEP 9**

Organized tool storage and a good worktable will help keep the garage tidy, and a good work zone will make it easier to get your projects done. If you have small children, keep cleaning solutions out of reach either on a high shelf or in a locked cabinet.

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