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5 Ways to Refresh Your Garage

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Most folks focus on boosting their home's **<u>curb appeal</u>** or renovating the kitchen when it's time for improvements.

But what about the garage?

This space serves multiple purposes — it's where you park your car, hang bikes and **store tools** — but it often receives the least attention.

It's time for that to change!

Here's a five-step plan to spruce up the garage to make it functional and stylish.



Hairline cracks in a concrete floor are easy to repair with Quikrete's FastSet Concrete Crack Repair.

1. Patch Cracks

A garage floor cracks for all kinds of reasons. Shifting soil beneath the concrete slab, a too-thin slab without rebar reinforcement, or damage caused by lawn equipment and tools could all be responsible.

Only a professional can inspect the area and determine how serious the crack is, but if it's just a hairline there's a quick way to revive the slab and extend its life.

Applying **Quikrete's FastSet Concrete Crack Repair** is an affordable alternative to tearing out and replacing the slab.

Best of all? You'll get a superior bond that cures fast and can even be used after an hour.



Epoxy coating is one popular way to dress up a garage floor.

2. Lay New Flooring

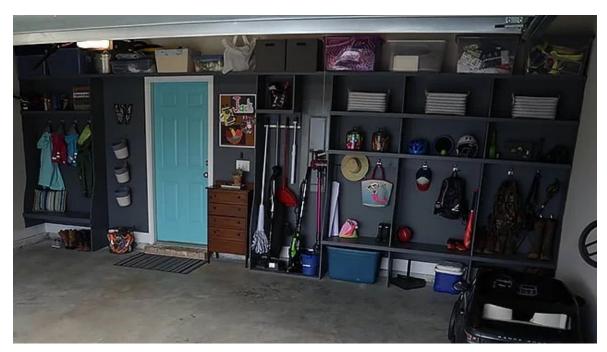
A concrete slab is a beautiful, durable floor for your garage on its own. But if you want to try a different look, you can treat that slab as a subfloor and lay interlocking, PVC floor tiles on top. PVC tiles are slip-resistant, tough and comfortable underfoot. The interlocking design makes them easy to install — just tap them in place with a rubber mallet. And any necessary cuts can be made with a utility knife.

Best of all, they're eco-friendly, with some products made from 100% recycled materials.

Tiles are a nice addition, but if you really want to add a 'wow' factor to your garage, consider **Quikrete's 2-Part Epoxy Floor Coating Kit**

This kit provides a showroom high-gloss finish to your concrete floor, and you can drive on it just three days after application.

Another bonus? You'll have the nicest garage floor on the block!



Locker-style storage provides a place for everything in your garage.

3. Install Locker-Style Storage

The garage tends to become a storage room for everyday items and things you use often enough and don't want to store in the attic.

That also makes it a breeding ground for disorganized chaos.

Fortunately, there's a way to organize all those things that eventually end up on the floor or jammed in a corner somewhere. Installing locker-style storage — with cubby holes of varying sizes — gives everything a proper place.

Installing locker-style storage truly allows you to **optimize your garage space**.

Watch and Learn: <u>How to Build Locker-Style Storage</u>



Install pegboard to organize hammers, power drills and other tools.

4. Pegboard for tools

Tools can save the day — and save you money — when emergency repairs are needed, and they help you tackle any home improvement project at the moment of inspiration.

That's why it's good to have a dedicated area where tools are visible and accessible. Plus, it's just nice to see your collection in one place!

Tip: Hang pegboard to hold paint rollers, caulk guns, hammers, levels and whatever else you want. But add a 1-by-12 shelf underneath it to maximize storage for items that you can't hang.

Watch and Learn: <u>How to Install Pegboard in a Workshop</u>

5. Paint Your Garage Door

Most folks know to paint their home's entry doors, molding and even brick exterior for a pop of color, but the garage door is often neglected during home improvements.

That's unfortunate, too, because steel garage doors are durable, but they also look industrial — and identical!

Applying a faux wood-grain finish can give your garage door character and enhance your home's exterior.

Watch and Learn: <u>How to Paint Your Garage a Faux-Wood Finish</u>

Do you have tips to refresh the garage? Share them in the comments below!

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