



# Home Improvement Tips

## Contest Offers Expert Help To Guide Your Garage Makeover

(NAPSA)—Whether home owners are beginners or experts in the practice of garage organization, it's often a job that is dreaded by all. Keeping a garage in tip-top shape can be an overwhelming task, especially when trying to see past the clutter.



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But, with a little help from expert carpenter Ty Pennington, as seen on the hit show "Trading Spaces," Dremel can help transform your messy garage or a relative's garage into the envy of the neighborhood. Put simply, Dremel's Trade in Your Garbage Garage Contest gives one lucky garage the reorganization/revamp it needs.

Whether it's installing shelving, adding an outlet or creating workspaces, the versatility of Dremel tools can be easily demonstrated through a garage makeover. Even items stored in the garage can benefit from the rotary tool since it tackles everything from lawnmower sharpening to automotive detailing.

Dremel's Trade in Your Garbage Garage Contest, which runs through September 2, 2003 offers a great opportunity to take stock of your garage's condition and get it in shape.

The grand-prize winner will receive a garage revamp worth \$5,000 and a tool pack. The revamp will be lead by Pennington and will take place at the end of September.

Second and third place winners will receive \$250 and \$100, respectively, in addition to the tool pack, consisting of the MultiPro Rotary



Tool and the Dremel Advantage Rotary Saw. The MultiPro tool features speeds ranging from 5,000 to 35,000 rpm for grinding, routing, cutting and more.

The Advantage is described as the fastest, most versatile rotary saw on the market. The adjustable depth guide is said to allow for accurate, measured cuts into materials up to one inch thick.

To enter:

- Submit a creative essay (500 words or less) explaining 1.) how the garage evolved into its current messy condition (focus on interior of garage); 2.) why the garage is in need of a revamp (again focusing on interior); and 3.) what problems a Dremel tool can solve in the garage

- No more than three photos (3x5" or 4x6") of the messy garage

- An entry form or a 3x5 index card with name and daytime phone number of the person making the nomination, the garage owner's name, address, garage size, daytime phone number and e-mail (optional) and mail it to Dremel Trade in Your Garbage Garage Contest, P.O. Box 1809, Elgin, IL 60121-1809. Entries may also be completed online at [www.dremel.com](http://www.dremel.com).

Entries will be judged on the

degree of interior garage chaos or clutter, the improvement potential for the garage and the essay creativity.

For the complete rules, consumers can visit [www.dremel.com](http://www.dremel.com) or call 1-800-437-3635.

### Tips from the experts at Dremel and Ty Pennington

#### Getting Started

**Before you start, make sure you can finish.** Consider the magnitude of the project, the cost, timing and your ability to complete the project before you start. An inaccurate estimate can lead to a bigger project. Avoid ending up with a hole in your wall or a table without chairs.

#### Measuring Tricks

**"Use a buck in a pinch, it's exactly six inches."** If you're stuck without a tape measure to determine the length of your material, use a dollar bill to get a rough estimate because it's six inches long.

**"Cut it long and you can't go wrong."** It never hurts to cut materials longer than you anticipate because you can always make them shorter, if needed.

**"Good advice to measure thrice."** The old carpenter's saying is to measure twice and cut once but it's always a good idea to check, check and recheck your work to ensure the accurate length.

#### Tools to Use

**Tools with versatility** such as a Dremel Rotary Tool are handy for a variety of tasks.

**Use a 6' level as a straight edge** to make perfectly straight cut lines. Place the level straight and when cutting, simply follow along the edge.

