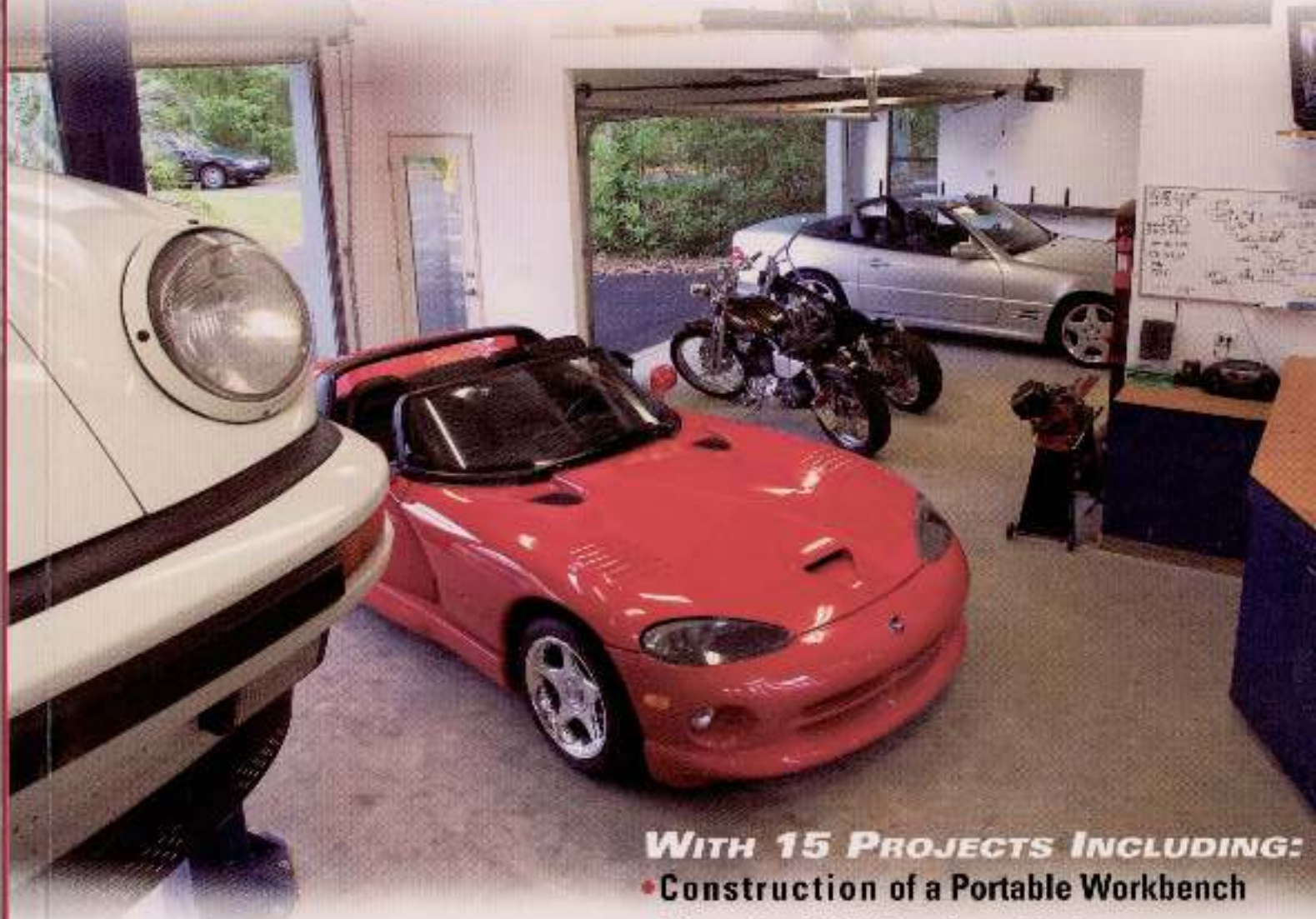


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# GARAGE HANDBOOK



**WITH 15 PROJECTS INCLUDING:**

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## PROJECT 14 ★

## Slotted Wall Paneling

**Time:** Up to one day

**Tools:** Electric screwdriver and drill

**Talent:** ★★★

**Tab:** \$200–1000

**Tip:** Think carefully about how much wall paneling you need. This paneling can't hold a great deal of weight. It would be a shame to cover all this expensive paneling with huge shelving units.

Slotted wall paneling is one of those great little ideas borrowed from retail store displays. It's an alternative to traditional pegboard, and it allows you to hang more stuff on your wall.

Whirlpool (the washing machine people) has ventured into garage systems big time. Their whole product line is based on the slotted wall panel system. The beauty of the system is that it can be installed right over existing walls.

Appearance is the biggest asset of wall paneling. It's easy to keep clean because of the smooth surface. Cleaning your garage wall consists of simply removing everything from the wall and wiping it down with an all-purpose cleanser. You'll need to do this every few months since the slots hold a lot of dirt and dust.

There are some significant disadvantages to wall paneling that need be considered. The first one is the price—to cover the rear wall in a two-car garage may cost hundreds of dollars. The walls in your garage could easily end up costing more than the flooring.

The most serious consideration, though, is the amount of weight that these walls can hold. While it may look pretty, wall paneling may not hold up under the sort of weight we like to put on our shelves. Add framing strips if you have

a concrete block wall. This would also be a good time to add insulation between the paneling and block wall if you live in the North.



All sorts of hooks and brackets are available for slotted wall paneling, but they won't hold the kind of weight that some of us put on our garage shelves. Be cautious when putting any substantial weight on these walls. Garage Tek uses a locking system for the shelving.



Check the available credit on your Visa card before you create this sort of garage. Notice how the white panels reflect light around the garage. Also notice that the slotted wall paneling allows everything thing to be off the floor. Cleaning this garage floor just became very easy. Garage Tek.