



Smart Solutions Ohio Garage Interiors

The designers and contractors at Ohio Garage Interiors know it's not only older homes that benefit from custom updating. Case in point: A client came to them for help with their garage in a brand-new home in a brand-new development. The home was organized, gorgeous and customized throughout the interior, and the family began thinking it made sense to do the same in their oversized, 4.5-car attached garage. "The family has a few kids and a few cars, and before they knew it, the garage was starting to just become a little cluttered," explains Chad Gleske. "Not only that, they were disappointed that, although their home was very customized, the garage looked just like everyone else's."

The biggest challenge of the project was creating storage for the children's equipment. Because of the size and layout of the garage, Gleske was able to build an island in the space between the two garage doors. The island has a huge center space to store things like sports balls, and it's flanked by lockers to hold the rest. The family loves it, and because the design and appearance of the storage island is fun — not just functional

— it really does get used.

For the rest of the garage, Gleske wrapped the perimeter walls in oversized cabinetry with everything raised off the floor. "Bringing everything up makes a nice place for the cars, with a smooth, clean surface that is easy to hose out and keep clean," he says, "which keeps salt and grime from getting into the concrete and causing problems." The floor covering is carefully sealed to make it not only aesthetically appealing for years to come, but durable against all sorts of weather and wear.

The cabinetry is made of ultra-durable Thermal fuse laminate. "It has a beautiful wood grain finish, but it's not solid wood," says Gleske, "which is more able to withstand bad weather and temperature changes." Garage cabinetry is specially designed to store large bins and boxes, and awkwardly shaped items. Plus, the shelves are extra-thick to support lots of weight, and are resistant to heavy spills and moisture. Extra details like a good-looking stainless sink instead of a traditional utility sink elevate the look and feel of the space. "We took a utilitarian room and made it as beautiful as it is functional," Gleske says.

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