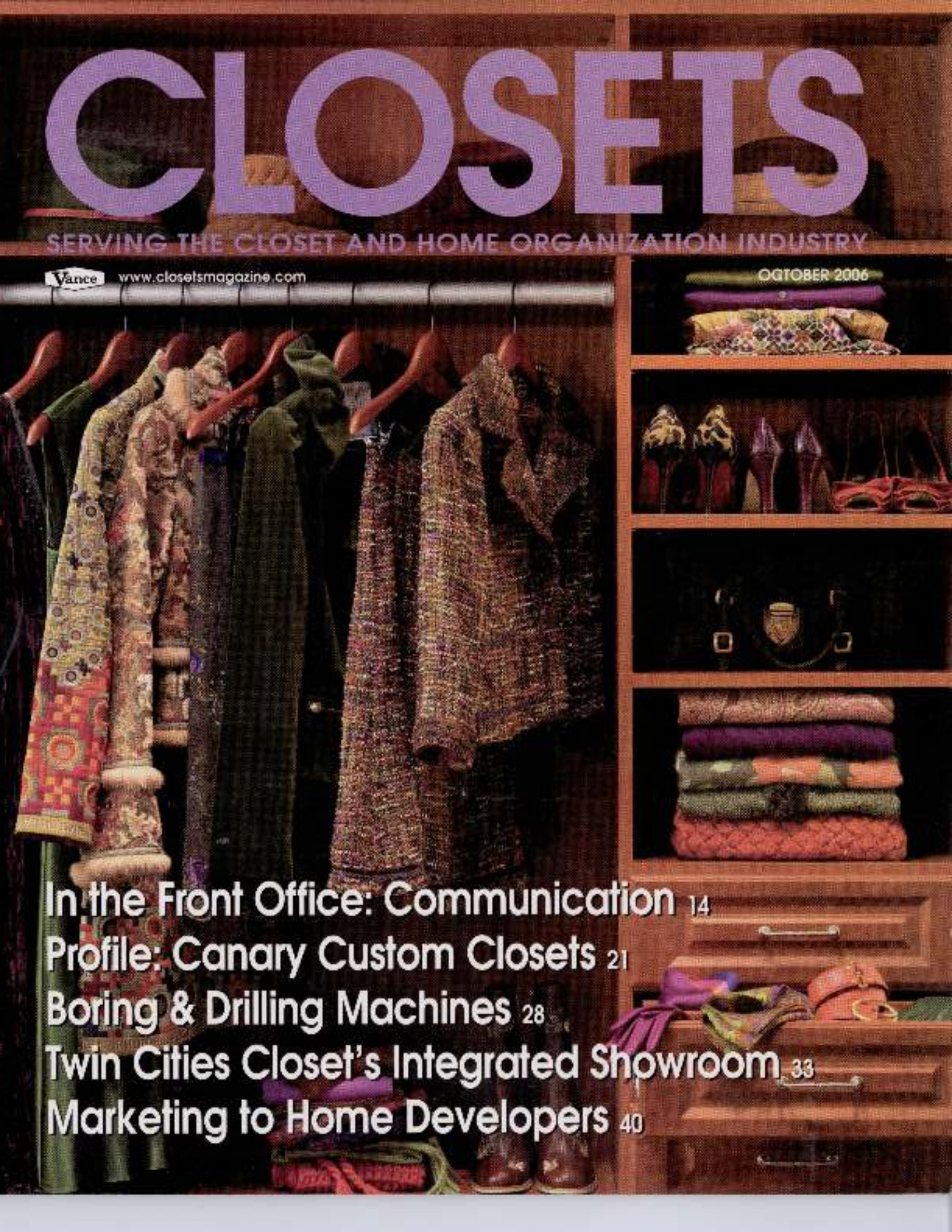


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## Renovating the garage

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Garages have become multi-purpose areas to meet the needs of busy families, whose divergent schedules have created the necessity for creative storage solutions.

The garage shown above was completed for a family of five — two adults and three kids. According to Jennifer Chicacciaro, national marketing manager for GarageTek, the family was in need of all-around storage.

They recently moved and renovated the entire house, before turning to the garage, which was cluttered with remnants of their busy lives.

"The children have lots of toys, the dad is a little league coach who regularly used a lot of equipment, which he stored in the garage," Chicacciaro says. "The mom is a busy stay-at-home mom who juggled the family's schedule and needed storage for bulk



shopping purchases." The family also used the two-car garage as a workshop.

Their storage solution included creating a play area with baskets and shelving for the toys, brackets and storage shelves for the bulk grocery items and other accessories, racks for hanging the stroller and car seat, as well as lawn tools, and a tall cabinet with shelves and a door bin. A shoe and coat rack were also installed. GarageTek's tile lock flooring was used in the renovation, as well as TekPanel, a wall panel made of thermoplastic material that is used frequently in retail stores. The 1-foot by 10-foot panels fit together with tongue and groove joints.

The average price for a two-car garage system is from \$10,000 to \$12,000, Chicacciaro says. ■

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