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Each month, the cover of *JEMS* is conceived after a converging of the minds. Ideas are presented, revised, altered, digested and indigested, and eventually, usually in the creative wee hours of the morning, an image evolves. This month, the cover was especially challenging. How do you make a product listing visually exciting and entertaining enough for the front cover of a magazine?

After some debate and skepticism from the powers that be, an outer space theme was chosen. Arrangements were made, and a two-day

marathon photo shoot began.

Inevitably there are technical problems: The astronaut costume, delivered two hours late, was really a converted deep-sea diver suit made of thick Goodyear rubber and weighing in at 20 pounds or more. It was aging yellow instead of the space-age bright white displayed in the brochure. We replaced it with a lighter and cooler one, putting us four hours behind schedule before we started.

The products you see on the cover presented their own special problems. First, a wooden door was horizontally suspended from the ceiling, and the products were carefully hotglued onto wire and stuck to the hanging door with stick-pins. After painstakingly positioning each product, the .005-gauge tungsten filament wire stretched and broke, and the products had to be rehung with thread.

Look closely at the astronaut on the cover. Only a devoted, aspiring stunt woman or closet model would don a heavy costume and stand on one foot for great lengths of time in the heat of studio lights.

Thanks, Managing Editor, for posing. Since you decided to let the missing commas slide last issue, I got you the cooler, lighter costume and didn't suspend you in the air from a cable as I originally intended.

Kathy Bush Art Director