



Organize your collections for maximum enjoyment

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Is your collection in a heap? Organize it to enjoy it.

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Many of us have collections that are precious to us. Whether they're vintage baby clothes, clocks, Lladro figurines, matchbooks, model planes, or anything in between, collections take valuable space and can sometimes overtake closets, shelving, storage spaces, and rooms in our homes and lives.

If you find yourself in the stressful position of having to decide what to keep or let go in your precious collections, consider these options:

1. Where and how is your collection currently stored? This will give you a clue about how to proceed with making decisions on next steps.
2. If your collection is out of sight in boxes or piles or heaps, it may be time to let go of it altogether. If this is not acceptable to you, bring it into the light of day and conduct a sort-and-purge: select the best examples of your collection and get rid of the rest (throw away, donate, and/or give away).
3. If your collection is already out, on display but taking more space than you ever imagined, consider doing the sort-and-purge in #2 to thin out the volume. If you think you'll miss the items you purge, take photos to keep in your digital collection or add to a scrapbook dedicated to the collection.

For additional tips and ideas for organizing and displaying your collections:

- Display team jerseys on [special hangers](#)
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- Find [display cases](#) and [containers](#) for all of your collectibles
- Finally, if you would like to get a collection out of storage and put it on display, here's a [fun link](#) to inspire you.

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