



## Fun at home

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Showcase Your  
Prized Possessions**


**H**alf of all Americans collect something, from stamps to record albums to baseball caps. Many of these collections are stored in attics, drawers and closets. That's a shame, because your collection usually means more to you than the paintings on your walls. Here's how to display your collection...

 **Baseball caps.** Display caps on hooks every 10 to 12 inches around the perimeter of a room, about 12 inches from the ceiling. Looks great in dens and finished basements.

 **Record albums.** Select two to six favorite records. Framed individually and hung as a group, they look great and remind you of the good old days. Restoration Hardware sells frames sized for album covers (12.5" square) in chrome or black (item #3304099, \$26 for two, 800-762-1005, [www.restorationhardware.com](http://www.restorationhardware.com)). You can keep the album in its cover. An informal, less expensive option is curtain clips. Clamp a curtain clip onto a cover, and hang from a nail.

 **Jerseys and T-shirts.** You can buy a display case for uniform jerseys. These wood-and-glass cases make any shirt look like art—but they are pricey. Jersey holders start at \$149.95 at USADisplay.net (item #BQ-117A, 402-359-5539, [www.usadisplay.net](http://www.usadisplay.net)).

A cheaper option is to display the shirt in a large poster frame. These are available for about \$20 at Ritz Camera (877-999-7489, [www.ritzcamera.com](http://www.ritzcamera.com)).

 **Stamps, coins, postcards, matchbooks, watches, arrowheads and other small items.** Display in a museum-style case. Exposures offers an 11" x 14" traditional frame case for \$39 (item #141234, 800-222-4947, [www.exposuresonline.com](http://www.exposuresonline.com)). USADisplay.net's hardwood showcases come in a variety of sizes for

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\$55 to \$150. They can be hung on a wall or displayed on a table.

Stacks and Stacks HomeWares offers a range of wall cabinets designed to display everything from golf balls to shot glasses for \$39.99 to \$99.99 each (800-761-5222, [www.stacksandstacks.com](http://www.stacksandstacks.com)). The Container Store sells 11" x 14" hardwood collector's treasure frames for \$19.99 (item #10010781, 888-266-8246, [www.containerstore.com](http://www.containerstore.com)).



**Trophies, books, plates and other medium-sized items.**

Mount a shelf around the perimeter of a room about 12 inches from the ceiling. You also can use display ledges (two to six inches deep, two to four feet wide). Available at The Container Store (\$21.99, 888-266-8246, [www.containerstore.com](http://www.containerstore.com)) or Exposures, starting at \$27 (800-222-4947, [www.exposuresonline.com](http://www.exposuresonline.com)).



**Old golf clubs, fishing rods and canes.** Use an umbrella stand for tall, thin collectibles. It is a decorative substitute for a floor plant.



**Ticket stubs and other small paper items.** Turn them into a collage. Buy a photo or poster frame. Use a backdrop color that makes the collection stand out, such as black fabric behind white ticket stubs. ■