

Collections

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Worksheet updated: May 2017

It is important to read the merit badge book and to do all the requirements for the merit badge. The merit badge worksheet is a good tool, to help ensure that you accomplish all the requirements.

Please bring the merit badge book, merit badge card, worksheet, and all your work with you to Merit Badge Day.

Remember the Scout Motto and BE PREPARED

[Stamp](#) and [coin](#) collecting are excluded from eligibility for this merit badge.

1. Prepare a short written report or outline for your counselor, giving a detailed description of your collection, including a short history. Be sure to include why you chose that particular type of collecting and what you enjoy and have learned from your collection.*
2. Explain the growth and development of your collection.
3. Demonstrate your knowledge of preserving and displaying your collection.
 - a. Explain the precautions you need to take to preserve your collection, including
 1. Handling
 2. Cleaning
 3. Storage
 - b. Explain how best to display your collection, keeping in mind preserving as discussed above.
 - c. Explain to your counselor the events available for a hobbyist of this collection, including shows, seminars, conventions, contests, and museum programs and exhibits.
4. Demonstrate your knowledge of collecting and investing. Discuss with your counselor:
 - a. How investing and speculation would apply to your collection
 - b. What you would look for in purchasing other collections similar to yours
 - c. What you would expect in return value if you decided to sell all or part of the collection
5. Do the following:
 - a. Discuss with your counselor at least 10 terms commonly used in your collection and be prepared to discuss the definition of each.
 - b. Show your counselor any two groups from your collection. Explain how you organized your collection and why you chose that method. (Note: If your collection is too large to transport and your counselor is unable to view your collection directly, photographs should be available to share.)
 - c. Explain how your collection is valued by other collectors, and display to your counselor any price guides that may be available.
 - d. Explain how your collection is graded for value, physical defects, size, and age. Show the various classifications or ratings used in your collection.
 - e. List the national, state, or local association responsive to your collection.
 - f. Show the location of and explain to your counselor the identification number (if applicable), series, brand name (if any), and any other special identification marks.

