



## A Collection of Collection Facts

### Collectors can be record holders.



The largest collection of teddy bears includes over 8,000 bears. For other collections that hold the record for being the largest of their kind visit:

<http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/records/showcase/dedication-and-collections>

The longest toy train collection has 8 miles of track.  
100 trains can run on these tracks at one time.



Watch this collection chug round and round at <https://northlandz.com>

### Collectable treasures can be GIANT.



Most snow globes are small enough to fit on a dresser top, but the largest snow globe can fit real people inside. It is made out of 120,000 Lego bricks and contains models of famous London's landmarks, including Ben Ben and The London Eye. Learn more at <https://gizmodo.com/i-wanna-live-in-the-worlds-largest-lego-snow-globe-1464497250>

### Or tiny.

Mrs. James Ward Thorne designed and commissioned a collection of miniature rooms to depict particular periods in history. Each room is decorated with tiny, highly detailed replicas of items like furniture, curtains, and even miniature bowls of fruit. The rooms are on display at the Art Institute of Chicago: <https://www.artic.edu/departments/PC-15/thorne-miniature-rooms>

### Buttons are everywhere!

Buttons are made from all types of materials, including plastic, metal, leather, pearl, sea shell, horn, bone, coconut, bamboo, paper, wood, coal, chalk, and glass. The earliest known button, discovered in the Indus Valley of Pakistan, is over 5,000 years old. It is made out of shell.

[http://www.slate.com/articles/life/design/2012/06/button\\_history\\_a\\_visual\\_tour\\_of\\_button\\_design\\_through\\_the\\_ages\\_.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/life/design/2012/06/button_history_a_visual_tour_of_button_design_through_the_ages_.html)



## Sometimes a nickel is worth more than a nickel.

Coin collectors keep their eyes open wide for 1913 Liberty Head Nickels. Only five of these coins exist. One of them sold for \$5 million dollars in 2007!



## Stamp collecting goes back to BLACK...

Penny Black, that is. The Penny Black, issued on May 1, 1840 in Great Britain, was the first postage stamp ever made. Before that, packages were mailed without postage and the person receiving the package had to pay for its delivery.

<http://mentalfloss.com/article/20249/11-stamp-stories-worth-retelling>

## Mistakes make great collector items.



One popular baseball card to collect is the 1957 Topps Hank Aaron card. It includes a blunder that baseball history buffs will readily spot. The printing company accidentally reversed the image of Aaron, the great home-run hitter, on the card. Aaron looks like he's batting left-handed when really, he was right-handed.

<https://www.dacardworld.com/blog/product-releases/ten-baseball-card-blunders/>

## Collectors can go a little bananas.

One collector, Becky Martz, must really find bananas aPEALing. She saves stickers from the fruit and has over 20,000 in her collection so far. See Becky's sticker collection at: <http://www.beckymartz.com>

## You can enjoy collections while you dine.



Visit the Collection Café at the Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum in Seattle and you can admire a plethora of interesting collections. Items, including a collection of accordions, keys, and cameras, are displayed within the tables, on the walls, and hanging from the ceiling.

<https://www.chihulygardenandglass.com/visit/collections-cafe>

