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Display Your Collection With Purpose

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WHEN I LEARNED that this issue would focus on Action Figures, I must admit my mind raced to one of my favorite shows, “The Big Bang Theory.” I could just see those guys with their toy action figures, taking such good care of them, making sure that they were displayed just so perfectly—mostly still in the original boxes—going as far as making sure that they faced the best direction for their personal story.

While this seems extreme, there is something to be said for channeling our inner Sheldon Cooper when we display our own collections at home. There is nothing better than to tour someone’s home as they tell us stories about where they found this or that and why this

item turned their head and made them start collecting in the first place.

As a designer, it is important that we learn our client’s story so that when we are tasked to manage the finishing touches of a project and decorate a bookcase or manage collectibles, we really understand what is important and why.

Whether your passion is slot cars, lunchboxes, Laliqué, teacups, or action figures—make a statement!



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Collection Decorating

Here are some of my pointers on decorating with collectibles:



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Keep like items together. A few here and a few there just look like clutter. When pieces are all together, it becomes a collection.

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Consider placing items in the order of the story you might share.

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Find an old card file cabinet. Open some of the drawers and fill them with collectibles. Add plants for texture.

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Show tabletop items at different heights. Use books or boxes to vary the heights of your items.

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Make sure you have appropriate lighting over pictures, within or on shelves, behind or underneath the tabletop.

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Glass doors help keep dust away, but make sure there is lighting inside the cabinet so your collection is not lost in darkness.

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Repetition is a fundamental of design principles. Consider placing items in a formal, repeating pattern on an entire wall.

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If you are starting a collection, consider all one color. All white or all one type of an item makes a stunning display.

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If you are placing these items on a wall or in a bookshelf, consider a pop of color, subtle wallpaper, or grasscloth behind them to give texture and depth to your presentation.

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Mix family photos with photos of favorite vacation spots. Keep these in halls or private areas of the home. They are personal reflections and should be treated as such.

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If you have a hodgepodge of items that belonged to your grandfather, but you love them all, lay them all out then rearrange so that the group forms a large shape. If it were my father I would arrange his items into the overall shape of a sailboat.

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Hang small items from a mobile.