

RMS INSTA-POLL

“What app. % of your overall collection is housed in binders, photo albums, trays, drawers, boxes, or... ?”

[July - 92 responding]

<u>Binders</u>	<u>Trays</u>	<u>Photo Albums</u>	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Drawers</u>	<u>Not Housed Yet</u>	<u>Displays</u>
100%.....5	100%.....1	90%.....2	100%.....1	70%.....1	75%.....1	20%.....1
99%.....3	90%.....1	47%.....1	95%.....1	50%.....2	65%.....1	10%.....2
98%.....1	75%.....2	25%.....1	90%.....1	40%.....3	60%.....1	5%.....2
95%.....6	70%.....1	20%.....1	85%.....1	30%.....1	50%.....2	1%.....2
90%.....7	50%.....2	15%.....1	80%.....1	25%.....1	30%.....1	
85%.....5	45%.....1	5%.....1	75%.....1	20%.....4	25%.....2	<u>Cabinets</u>
80%.....5	40%.....2		70%.....2	10%.....3	23%.....1	
75%.....3	25%.....3		65%.....1	5%.....4	20%.....1	40%.....1
70%.....1	20%.....2		60%.....3	3%.....1	15%.....3	30%.....1
60%.....5	15%.....1		50%.....9		10%.....2	
50%.....16	10%.....2		45%.....1		7%.....1	<u>Bins</u>
40%.....3	5%.....2		40%.....2		5%.....1	
35%.....1	2%.....3		35%.....2		1%.....1	5%.....1
33%.....1	1%.....1		30%.....2			
30%.....1			25%.....2			<u>Catalog Racks</u>
25%.....4			20%.....6			
20%.....5			15%.....4			
10%.....4			10%.....6			60%.....1
5%.....1			5%.....5			
5%.....4			4%.....1			
			3%.....1			

Note: Responses that said some percentage was in boxes, bins, etc, waiting to be sorted, those I counted as ‘not housed yet’. Also, ‘boxes’, here, includes plastic tubs.

Observations:

-Very few collectors have their collections housed in one medium; everyone else uses a variety of storage options. Although I didn't check for collection *sizes* in this poll, I would assume that the larger the collection, the more storage options employed.

-Although binders are the most commonly used medium, I was surprised how common the use of boxes is.

-It was comforting to see other collectors who have covers as yet waiting to be sorted and stored. I usually let mine build up over a period of months before I sort and place in storage, just to make it worth dragging out all those albums.

-Photo albums are not commonly used, probably because of the lack of hand-sewn pages. I'd hate to imagine using photo corners on all those covers!