

RMS INSTA-POLL

“In what part of your home do you most often do your hobby work?”

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-Office/computer room	19	<p>Well, on the face of it, the only possible surprise here is possibly ‘office/computer room’ coming in first, rather than hobby room. Hmmmm. I know, in my own case, that my hobby rooms actually function more as storage rooms for all the albums, trays, etc. They’re <i>not</i> where I really work on sorting covers, etc. Now, that doesn’t hold true when I’m banging out all these bulletins (the hobby computer is in one of the hobby rooms), but I didn’t factor that in because most collectors aren’t editors, and I didn’t want to skew the results one way or the other.</p> <p>Is ‘Living room’ coming in third place a surprise? I don’t think so. Look at how the survey question is worded. The living room is normally where the music, movies, and TV are. As an example, I happen to have two nice hobby rooms, but when actually working on covers, I invariably end up with everything spread out on the living room coffee table while watching movies...and a couple of other</p>
-Hobby room	13	
-Living room	12	
-Dining room	9	
-Den	9	
-Spare bedroom	8	
-Bedroom	8	
-Cellar/basement	8	
-Family room	6	
-Study	2	
-Studio	2	
-Kitchen	2	
-Sun room	1	
-Garage	1	
-Landing	1	

responders noted the same thing.

A poignant point noted by more than one of the ‘dining room’ respondents was that the dining room was where the largest table in the house was, and so that’s where the cover work went on!

The problem with this survey is that I think there is probably a lot of overlapping on terms. “Den”, “study”, “computer room”, and “hobby room”, for example, can probably all be used interchangeably by most people. Was that work area in the basement what someone else would call a hobby room? Are ‘bedroom’ and ‘spare bedroom’ the same thing in at least some cases? And so on...

Still, it’s of some interest to see where fellow collectors actually do most of their nuts and bolts hobby work.