

RMS INSTA-POLL ““Where do you store your covers?”
 [January - 120 responding]

Attic	1 (note warnings of excessive moisture/heat)
All over the place	10
Basement	9
Bedroom	1
Bedroom+dining room	1
Closets	11
Closets+basement	1
Closets+under beds	1
Closets+rented storage+workplace	1
Garage	1
Garage+all over the place	2
Hobby room	18 (some collectors have more than 1)
Hobby room+attic	1
Hobby room+closets	2
Hobby room+garage	3
Hobby room+all over the place	4
Hobby room+old shop	1
Hobby room+spare room+workplace	1
Hobby room+spare room+basement	1
Home office	8
Home office/hobby room	2
Home office+spare room	4
Home office+family room	1
Home office+all over the place	2
Home office+basement+attic	1
Home office+living room	1
Addition to house	1
Spare room/Storage room	11 (normally spare bedroom)
Spare room+garage	1
Pantry+closet	1
Family room	1
Family room/TV room/Game room	3
Computer room	1
Computer room+bedroom+other	1
Living room	4
Living room+dining room	1
Den/study	2
Balcony	1
Library	1
Porch	1
Outside storage building (not garage)	1

If you thought about it for a moment, these are probably the results you would expect. I would guess the main determining factor would be just how many covers, albums, boxes, etc. you have to store. A small collection could be stored in a closet, but larger collections, as many have noted, start to take over the house unless there is a special storage area available, such as a storage shed, a large hobby room, or some such.

Another factor here would probably be the large percentage of collectors in the hobby who

are retired and thus either tend to live in larger homes or homes, at least, where the kids have already moved out [I certainly wouldn't have my own hobby room if the kids were still here!]. Those spare rooms and basements come in handy, as well! Also note large number of hobby rooms/home offices.