

By Special Arrangement

It doesn't matter whether you live in a Mac Mansion or cottage, condo or apartment, staying organized is something we all struggle with. There never seems to be enough closets, cupboards, dressers, shelves or nooks and crannies to store, hide or display our "stuff"!

If you are a collector like me, you have lots of things around your house. Displaying your collections takes a bit of talent. It doesn't matter if you collect ceramic dogs, grandmother's silver or antique toys, there are a few secrets and tips for making any collection look great.

Secrets for successful displays:

- Number one rule: Repeat after me,
 - “Everything looks better when grouped together”!
 - Displays have greater impact when shown as a whole rather than spread around the room.
- Odds over Evens
 - 3, 5 or 7 items “feel” better than the even groupings.
 - Vary the height.
 - Think tall, medium and short. If everything is the same height, use a prop to elevate a couple of your things. Books make perfect props.
 - Small items get lost in big open spaces.
 - Group little things with larger items or on small shelves or boxes.

The things you own should be a reflection of your personality. Express your Signature Style™ on you coffee table, mantle and walls.