Vintage Finds

ALL THINGS OLD ARE NEW AGAIN

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How do I get started?

Young at age, old at soul.
Do you love vintage items? Where do you find them? What’s popular?

"Vintage" is a colloquialism commonly used to refer to all old styles of clothing. In its modern use, it often indicates that the item is at least 20 years old, while items a century old or more can be considered antique.
Antique Stores, Thrift Stores, Garage Sales, Estate Sales, Curbside, Dumpsters
Where to find your treasure.

- There are lots of places to find treasure if you don’t mind getting your hands dirty.
- Here are a few tips and ideas where to find them.
- Take a tape measure, gloves, a notebook and pen.
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- It’s fun to take a friend too!

Antique Shops – If you don’t have a lot of experience, start here. The prices may be higher than other stores, but they often have lots to dig through.

Antique Malls – They are usually a large building with LOTS of different vendors who sell their wares. You can have the cashier call the vendor and offer a lower price.

Estate Sales – You may find some great bargains here IF the family is running the sale. IF an estate sale company is running the sale, you can try to bargain with them, but don’t count on it.

Garage and Yard Sales – Stop and look around. Be courteous but be willing to bargain. Most people just want to get rid of their stuff.

Thrift Stores – They have become the “popular” place to go so don’t expect them to bargain with you. The best you can do is to shop the tag sales.

Curbside and Dumpster Diving – Don’t count this out! Wear your gloves. I’ve found some great bargains and I’ve gotten rid of some on my curb. Be sure to put a “FREE” sign on it.
Why in the world do you want that old junk?

• Okay, some people just don’t understand WHY you would want to collect quilts, vintage needle cases, featherweight sewing machines and old pincushions (that’s a little revealing). We won’t discuss the multiple bookcases in my home.
• I collect old things because they have a history. I love that they have been used and sometimes cherished by the people who owned them.
• The library has books that can help you determine the age, value and price of almost any item you find.
• If you can manage to talk to the person who is selling the item, ask them who owned it. Many times they will be happy to give you a little history.
• You can also look up the general history online.
• Find a great website or blog you can follow and share your finds.
• Take a friend, this makes for a wonderful weekend adventure.
Where to find your treasure?

Here are some places to start:

United Hillyard Antique Mall [https://www.hillyardantiquemall.com/](https://www.hillyardantiquemall.com/)

Market Street Antiques [https://www.marketstreetantique.com/](https://www.marketstreetantique.com/)

Union Gospel Thrift Store [https://www.uniongospelmission.org/thrift-stores](https://www.uniongospelmission.org/thrift-stores)

Blue Cat Vintage and Consignment Store [https://bluecatvintagespokane.business.site/](https://bluecatvintagespokane.business.site/)

Boulevard Mercantile [https://m.facebook.com/BoulevardMercantile/?tsid=0.467403534659379&source=result](https://m.facebook.com/BoulevardMercantile/?tsid=0.467403534659379&source=result)

Idaho

Paris Flea Market 1815 N 4th St, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Rebel Junk Shop 2424 N 4th St, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
What’s popular now?
Books about thriftin' and junkin'

Non-fiction:
Antiques 101: a crash course in everything antique (book)
Antique & collectible buttons: identification & values volume 2 (book)
A price guide to antique tools (book)
Treasures: antique to modern collecting (periodical)
Kovels' antiques & collectibles price guide

Fiction:
Heart of Junk by Luke Geddes
Antiques Fire Sale by Barbara Allan
The Lost Carousel of Provence by Juliet Blackwell
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