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# Starting Your First Matchbook Collection

# Where to begin?

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Decide on which types of matchbooks you want to collect - this could be brands, regions, time periods, anything

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Ask for them from businesses you visit like restaurants, hotels, bars, etc. Take advantage of freebies too!

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Explore antique shops, flea markets, and online marketplaces for unique pieces to add to your collection

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Contact specific collectors who specialize in your collection themes either for purchases or trades

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Participate in auctions or conventions where you can buy individual matchbooks or sets

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Get to know the philumeny community by joining a club and extending your involvement!

# References & cool sources to check out

## Rathkamp Matchcover Society

Webpage: <https://www.matchcover.org/tips.html>

## The Matchcover Vault

Webpage: <https://matchpro.org/Collectingbasics.html>

## Wagner Match

Article: <https://wagnermatch.com/collecting-vintage-matchbooks-and-box-matches/>