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Trading Card Collection Checklist

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Starting a trading card collection can be a little overwhelming – especially when it comes to how to store & display cards, and what supplies are the best for collection. By simply visiting a local card shop, a novice collector can easily be overwhelmed by these decisions. In this article, we have compiled a list of our top items that every collector should have in their collection. These items will help keep collections organized, secure them from most types of harm, and help you better showcase your collection.

Our favorite trading card supplies:

- Penny Sleeves:** thin plastic sleeves that will protect your cards in cardboard boxes as well as another layer of protection when putting your more valuable cards in a more sturdy protective case.
- Top Loaders:** These are secure and durable plastic card cases designed to keep cards clean and secure from damage. The name ‘top loader’ comes from how the card is loaded into the case.
 - Visit UltraPro and/or [BCW](#) to see purchase options. Also available at [Walmart](#), and local hobby shops
- One-Touches:** These card holders feature a built-in cavity for the card to be placed in. The case is sealed by a magnet that sits at the top of the holder, thus the name ‘one-touch.’ Display collections on shelves, walls or in retail cases.
 - Visit [UltraPro](#) and/or [BCW](#) for availability options. Available at local hobby shops
- Card Binders/9-pocket Sheets:** Trading card binders, folios and 9-pocket sheets are a great way to keep favorite teams, players and sets organized. Easy to travel, store and keep collections organized.
 - Shop: [Walmart](#), [Target](#), [Office Depot](#), [Staples](#), [UltraPro](#) and/or [BCW](#) and your local hobby shops
- Trading Card Displays:** There are many types of trading card display cases, such as [multi-card frames](#), [memorabilia displays](#), individual card stands and many others found on sites such as Etsy, Amazon and more.
- Card Storage Cases:** Also referred to as card hinge cases, snap cases, or clear storage boxes
 - Visit: [UltUltraPro](#) and/or [BCW](#) for availability options. Available at local hobby shops
- Cardboard storage boxes:** Cardboard storage boxes come in all sizes ranging from 100ct. to 5,000ct. Cardboard storage boxes can be used to store anything from base cards to complete sets and can easily be stored on shelving units.
 - Visit: [UltUltraPro](#) and/or [BCW](#) for availability options. Available at local hobby shops
- Social Media:** The best way to showcase trading card collections is creating a card social media page on social media! Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and TikTok are the biggest for card collectors in the hobby and a great way to build trading card communities and start trades with other users across the country! Show off card biggest hits, autographs, favorite players, and rare cards! There is even a chance if tagged Panini or other manufacturers, they will share your card!

**We recommend social media for those 18 years or older and if younger with the approval and monitoring of a parent or guardian.*

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