

# Describe your collection

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- b) When did you start your collection?
- c) Why did you decide to start this collection?
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- f) What do you enjoy about your collection?
- g) What have you learned from collecting?
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a) **What do you collect?**

I collect and build 1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale models of naval aircraft.

b) **When did you start your collection?**

I started collecting and building in 2003.

c) **Why did you decide to start this collection?**

I have been interested in airplanes and naval history most of my life. When my last child grew up and left home I decided I now had time to indulge in a hobby.

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## d) How have you grown your collection?

The original concept was to collect and build some models of World War II carrier based aircraft. As I began collecting the scope broadened to cover the full history of naval aviation from 1911 to the present and to include land based aircraft used for naval purposes and even some land based air force planes for comparison! Items have been purchased at local hobby stores, at model club meetings, contests and shows, from on-line hobby stores and, by far the largest source (64%) on internet auction sites (E-Bay). A few items have been received as gifts.

## e) How many items do you have in your collection?

I now have collected 773 aircraft kits and have completed building 237 of them.

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## f) What do you enjoy about your collection?

I like researching the aircraft and the events in which they were involved and having them come from the pages of books into three dimensional objects. I like seeing how they have evolved and developed over time. I like placing each model in a particular place and time whenever possible.

## g) What have you learned from collecting?

By building all my models to the same scale I learn how the airplanes compare in size. By grouping models by time and nation of origin I learn better how technical problems were solved and how each nation built airplanes to meet their particular needs and situation.

## h) What are your plans to continue collecting?

Having collected kits for nearly every aircraft I have identified in my subject area, I plan to devoted most of my time to building kits I have rather than acquiring more.

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Be prepared to discuss and answer questions about the terminology of collecting and display, handling, cleaning, storage, and valuation of your collection as learned in requirements 3, 4 and 5