

## PART ONE: COLLECTING OBJECTS AS IDEA TRIGGERS

The same guidelines apply for collecting physical objects as for collecting images and photos.

1. Collect things that **inspire** you.
2. Collect designs that **interest** you.
3. Collect things that **irritate** you.
4. Collect things that you can **improve**.
5. Collect things that **amuse** you.
6. Collect things **related** to your particular interests, such as existing or historical ways to perform some function.

Do not worry about whether you will use your objects immediately. If they are of interest to you, they may become useful later. Look for old stuff, such as videos, old computers, old devices, old games with odd input devices. Buy the object and experiment with it. To fully appreciate the object, you really need to experience it yourself.

There are many, many places to look for objects. You just have to know how to see them. Pay attention. Observe your surroundings.

1. Look through objects you already have in your house, office, lab, studio, storage, or garage.
2. Go to garage sales.
3. Browse EBay, Craigslist, or similar sites for people to sell old stuff – almost anything ever made is being resold somewhere by someone.
4. Go through dollar stores and hardware stores. You will be surprised what you can find there! Most of the items they sell are cheap.

