
THE

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EXPERT GUIDE

TO COLLECTING MODERN SILVER COINS







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Managing Consultant Alex Hanrahan shares his guide to collecting Silver coins

Silver coins are immensely popular with collectors all over the world, but with such a wide range of issuing countries, themes and designs to choose from, how do you create a meaningful collection worthy of passing on to your children and grandchildren?

Let's start with question of;

“Why should I collect Silver coins?”



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Why Collect Silver Coins?

Silver coins offer **affordable collectability**. By choosing the right coins for your collection, you start to have access to a lot of the elements that make coins so collectable.

- *Precious metal*
- *Superior Proof finish*
- *One-off editions*
- *Limited edition and sell outs*

So how can I build a meaningful Silver Coin collection?

The key is to select an element that ties together all of the Silver coins in your collection, which you can achieve in many different ways.



Here are 5 ideas for Silver Coin collections...

Collection 1 | *The Annual Modern "Crown" Collection*

Today Silver Crown coins are usually issued to mark special occasions of national importance and are intended to be commemoratives rather than ordinary circulation coins, but they date back to 1662.

It's not impossible to build a complete collection of Silver Crowns, but I recommend starting at a specific point and build forward. Taking the Queen Mother 90th Birthday Silver Crown from 1990 gives you a good chance of building a significant collection, which you can add to each year.

The Silver Crown is one of the few coins that you can commit to building a collection of annual new issues.

Speed can be of the essence though as edition limits vary, so quick sell-outs are not uncommon. The key here is to ensure you don't miss an issue as a gap will adversely affect the attractiveness of your collection.



Collection 2 | *The Super-sized Silver Collection*

Large silver coins have become a popular collecting area in recent times. There is something special about holding a kilogram (for example) of Pure Silver in the form of a coin, so that popularity is not a surprise.

These larger coins are not released with the same regularity of a Crown, so you need to keep your eyes open each year to ensure you don't miss one. I recommend a very specific "Super-sized Silver" collection, which allows you to own 3 first-of-a-kind larger Silver coins. They are the very first kilo (2012 London Olympics), 20 ounce (2017 Britannia) and 10 ounce (2017 Lion of England) UK Silver Proof coins.



Collection 3 | *The Annual Proof Issues Collection*

The world's most important mints have an internationally recognised Silver coin. Here in the UK, it's the Britannia, Canada has the Maple Leaf, Australia, the Kangaroo and America, the Eagle.

These famous coins are released each year, giving you the chance to build a significant collection after a number of years.

You will find them in basic bullion or superior Proof standard and often in a range of weights and sizes, but for this collection I'm recommending the core coin in the range – the 10z Silver Proof.



*2016 Perth Mint Kangaroo | 2016 US Mint Eagle,
2017 Royal Canadian Mint Maple Leaf | 2017 UK Royal Britannia*

Collection 4 | *The Numismatic Firsts Collection*

Many mints use Silver coins for their most innovative or unusual releases that are often favoured by collectors. As a result, you will find coins cut into a certain shape, coins with special finishes and many other often weird and wonderful innovations. Look hard enough and you'll probably find something never done before on a couple of coins each year.

The Royal Canadian Mint is usually at the forefront of that innovation, so I recommend a Canadian-only collection here, which consists of three coins that really made a splash when they were issued. The first ever Maple Leaf Shaped coin, the kilo that encompasses actual coins from 150 years of Canada's coinage and the Maple Leaf set of square coins, which form a completed puzzle when placed together.



*2017 Royal Canadian Mint Maple Leaf Quartet | 2017 Royal Canadian Mint
150th Anniversary Kilo Coin | 2015 Royal Canadian Mint Maple Leaf Shaped Coin*

Collection 5 | *The Piedfort Collection*

Piedforts (pronounced pee-ay-fore) are struck to double the thickness of a normal coin and traditionally reserved for gifts to monarchs and dignitaries. They date back to 13th century France and literally translate to “heavy foot” or more accurately “heavyweight”.

The big thing for me though is that they also have much smaller edition limits than normal issues – quite often, they are double the weight, but half the edition limit of the standard coin. Subsequently, Piedforts have a far stronger sell-out record.

Piedforts will be issued each year by The Royal Mint here in the UK as special double-thickness 50p, £2 or £5 coins. Building a collection of these annual releases offers a uniquely British way of collecting.



*Isacc Newton 50p | Prince Phillip £5 | House of Windsor £5 | Jane Austin £2
Remembrance Day £5 | Sapphire Jubilee £5 | King Canute £5 (All 2017 UK Coins)*

Appendix | Recommended Silver Collection

The Super-sized Silver Collection

- The 2012 UK London Olympics Kilo
- The 2017 UK Britannia 20oz
- The 2017 UK Lion of England 10oz

The Annual Proof Issues Collection

- The 2016 Perth Mint Kangaroo
- The 2016 US Mint Eagle
- The 2017 Royal Canadian Mint Maple Leaf
- The 2017 UK Royal Britannia

The Numismatic Firsts Collection

- The 2015 Royal Canadian Mint Maple Leaf Shaped Coin

- The 2016 Royal Canadian Mint 150th Anniversary Coins Kilo
- The 2017 Royal Canadian Mint Maple Leaf Quartet Puzzle Set

The Piedfort Collection

- The 2017 UK Isaac Newton 50p
- The 2017 UK Prince Philip £5
- The 2017 UK House of Windsor £5
- The 2017 UK Jane Austen £2
- The 2017 UK Remembrance Day £5
- The 2017 UK Sapphire Jubilee £5
- The 2017 UK King Canute £5

Get in touch

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