

Kovels' Top 10 Tips For Smart Flea Market Shopping

The antiques experts at Kovels' are excited about a new season of flea markets after a year of closures. Here are their Top 10 tips to maximize the experience.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, USA, May 27, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Hear that thunder in the distance? It is the sound flea market fans rushing toward all the outdoor (and indoor, too) markets opening after more than a year of closures. Those holding the flea markets are just as excited as the visitors, with tables filled with wares that have been in storage instead of stalls.

Collectors are excited about a new season of bargains, antique and vintage household items, furniture, art and ceramics. But wait! Curb the enthusiasm and be smart shoppers. The Kovels' offer their [Top 10 tips](#) to maximize the flea market experience.



1. Look at all of the items on out of the way shelves and in the corners.□ You could find an overlooked treasure.
2. Be sure to have measurements before you go to buy any furniture, picture or other items. Measure your doorways and stairs to make sure any furniture that you buy will fit through the doorways and up or down stairs. If you forget to take a tape measure, don't forget a dollar bill is 6 inches long.
3. If buying clothes, wear tight outfits so you can easily try on potential buys.
4. Be sure to carefully check anything you are thinking of buying for damage, missing parts or

tears.

5. Bring batteries if you are looking for toys so you can make sure they work.

6. Don't buy a rug or coat or any thick fabric that has a smell as you may have a lot of difficulty getting it out.

7. Look for furniture that will have a whole new look if you paint it. It may not be a valuable antique, but it can become a sturdy or colorful addition to a room.

8. Mix and match is "in" for furniture, clothes, rugs, pillows and walls.

9. Look at the marks. You may find a sought after maker. For jewelry, check for gold or sterling silver marks as well.

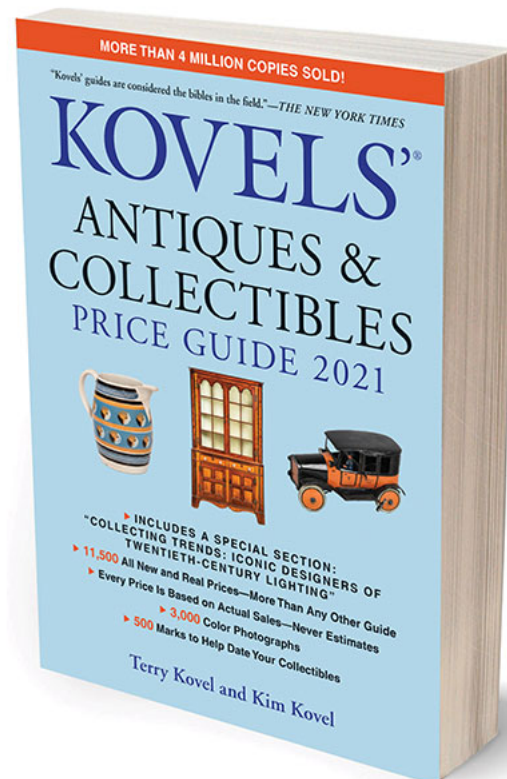
10. Look in Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide or search online at [Kovels.com](https://www.kovels.com) to help price and identify your finds.

About Kovels

Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel provide collectors and researchers with up-to-date and informed information on antiques and collectibles. The company was founded in 1953 by Terry and her late husband, Ralph. The Kovels have written over 100 books, including their annual Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide, now in its 53rd edition, as well as dozens of leaflets, and three series about antiques for television. Kovels.com, online since 1998, offers a bird's-eye view of the market with news, information and over 1 million prices. Readers will find auction reports, readers' questions



Ralph and Terry with a special find, a pair of pedestal stands.



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