

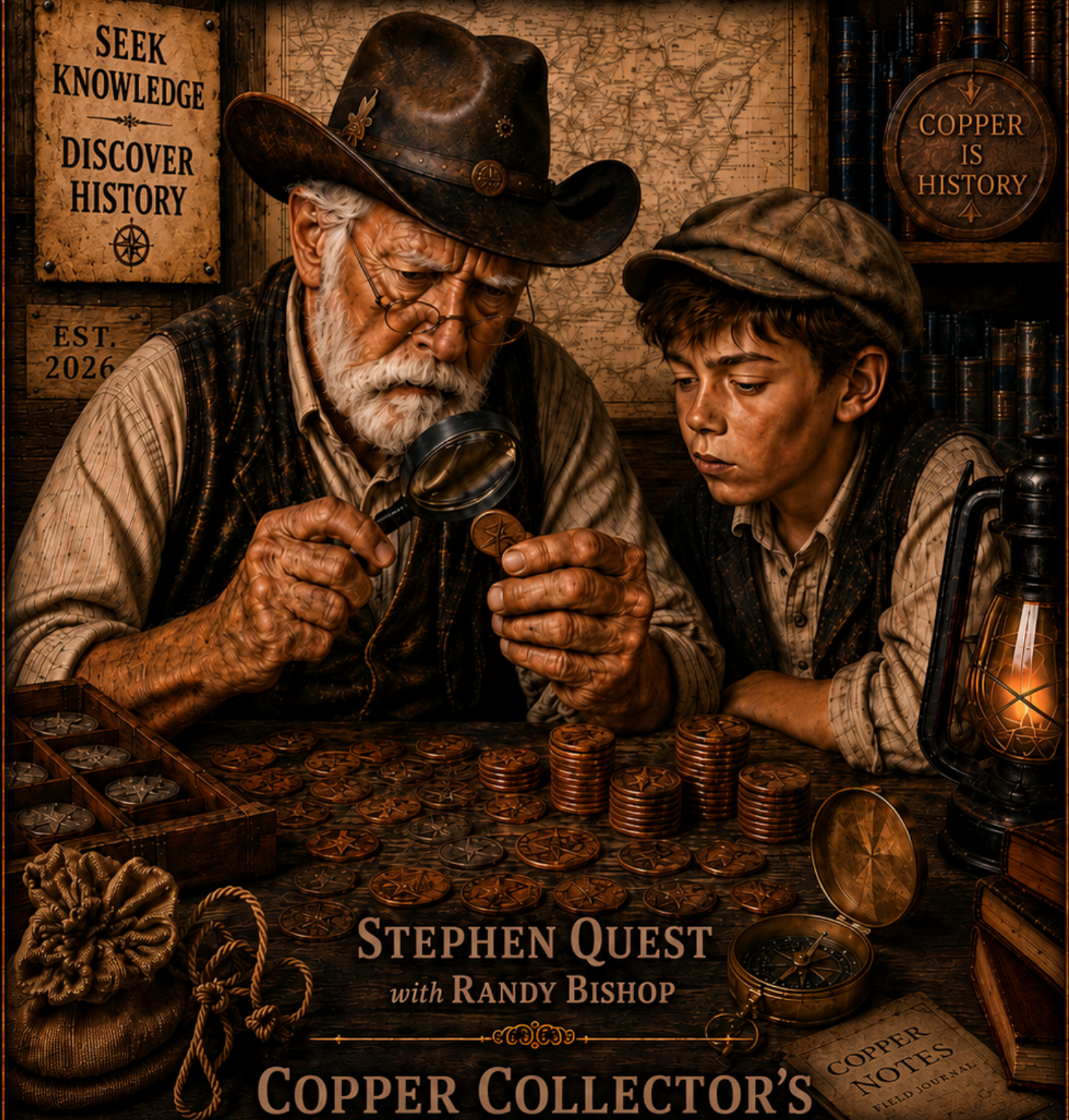
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Collecting One-Ounce .999 Fine Copper Art Rounds

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WELCOME TO COPPER ART-ROUND COLLECTING

Art rounds combine metal, craftsmanship, subject matter, and personal meaning in a format that invites many kinds of collections.



One-ounce copper art rounds can connect history, nature, technology, service, mythology, and personal milestones.

Begin with what interests you

A collection may begin with an eagle, a locomotive, a favorite animal, a historical scene, or a design chosen as a gift. The strongest starting point is not a promised return; it is a subject you want to understand and revisit.

More than metal content

Copper gives the round color, weight, and physical presence, but collectible interest usually comes from design, finish, craftsmanship, maker, series, condition, availability, and the story the round represents.

What this guide teaches

You will learn how rounds differ from coins and medals, what .999 fine copper means, how ounce standards and dimensions are described, how finishes change appearance, how to build themed collections, and how to preserve and document them.

Collect with evidence

Good collectors distinguish fact from marketing. They verify producer information, describe condition honestly, compare similar sales, and preserve the round for its next owner.



COLLECTOR'S PRINCIPLE

Choose designs that reward a second look and information that withstands verification.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Follow a repeatable path: understand the object, choose a theme, verify its specifications, evaluate quality, preserve it, and record what you learn.



Learning before buying improves every later decision.

Understand

Learn the difference between a coin, round, medal, token, and bar. Read the markings and producer description before assigning a category.

Choose

Decide whether you will collect by subject, artist, producer, series, finish, issue type, or another clear rule.

Verify

Confirm stated purity, weight standard, dimensions, edition information, maker, and original packaging from reliable sources.

Evaluate

Examine design, relief, strike, finish, surfaces, edge, and overall eye appeal. Separate production characteristics from later damage.

Preserve

Handle rounds carefully and use inert capsules, stable storage, and controlled display conditions.

Document

Link each round to photographs, acquisition records, specifications, research, and its storage location.

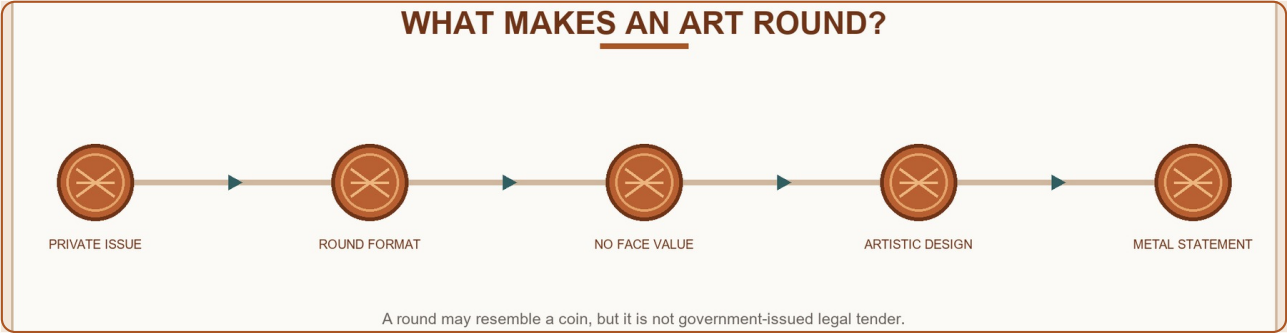


COLLECTOR'S PRINCIPLE

Understand first. Choose deliberately. Buy carefully. Preserve responsibly.

WHAT IS A COPPER ART ROUND?

A round is a privately produced, coin-shaped piece that may state its metal content but does not carry government-issued legal-tender status.



Round shape does not make an object a coin.

Private issue

Art rounds are commonly made by private mints, manufacturers, artists, organizations, or commissioning businesses. The producer determines the design, specifications, finish, packaging, and production quantity.

No face value

A round normally has no government-assigned denomination and is not intended to circulate as money. Designs that resemble currency should still be described according to their actual issuer and legal status.

Art and metal

Some rounds emphasize a stated weight and fineness; others emphasize artistic or commemorative purpose. Many do both. The collectible premium may be far greater than the copper's raw metal value.

Read all markings

Look for maker names or symbols, purity statements, weight, series title, issue date, copyright or artist information, serial number, and edge markings. Absence of a marking is also important to record.

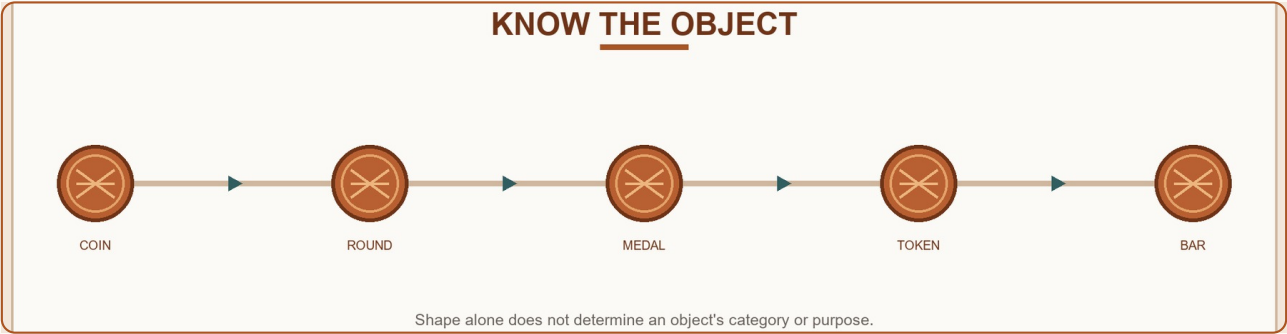


KEY TERM

Art round: a privately produced, coin-shaped collectible whose appeal centers on design, subject, craftsmanship, metal, or a combination of these.

COINS, ROUNDS, MEDALS, TOKENS, AND BARS

Correct identification begins with purpose and issuer, not shape alone.



Different categories can overlap visually but not functionally.

Coin

A coin is issued under governmental authority and normally carries a denomination or legal-tender status.

Round

A round is privately produced in a coin-like circular format without legal-tender status. It may state metal, weight, and purity.

Medal

A medal is created primarily to commemorate, honor, award, or express an artistic subject. It may be round, but weight and fineness are not always central.

Token

A token represents a defined use such as merchant credit, admission, transportation, advertising, membership, or exchange.

Bar

A bar is generally rectangular or ingot-shaped. Art bars can be collected for the same themes and finishes as art rounds.



CAUTION

Do not advertise a privately minted round as a coin or legal tender unless that status can be documented.

WHY .999 FINE COPPER?

The purity statement describes metal content; collectors must still evaluate weight, design, finish, maker, and condition.



Fineness and collectible quality answer different questions.

Meaning of fineness

A .999 fine copper statement represents 999 parts copper per thousand by the producer's specification. It is not the same as a government assay or independent guarantee unless testing or certification supports it.

Why producers use it

High-purity copper offers characteristic color, good detail, and a direct connection to a familiar industrial metal. It also responds visibly to finishing, handling, air, and storage.

Purity is not rarity

Two .999 fine rounds can have very different collectible demand. Design, producer, production quantity, series continuity, finish, packaging, condition, and market recognition may matter more than the small raw-metal-value difference.

Verify non-destructively

Use producer specifications, reliable records, weight, dimensions, and reputable testing when necessary. Never file, scratch, cut, or chemically test a collectible round.

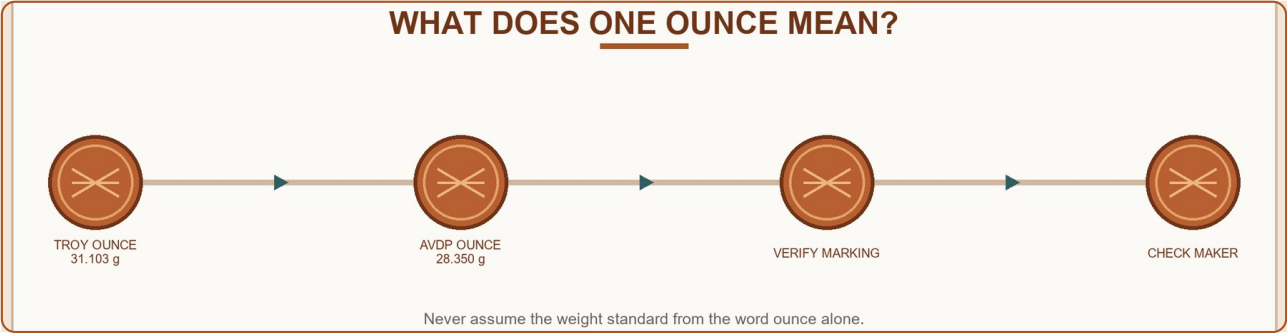


COLLECTOR'S PRINCIPLE

A purity mark describes metal; it does not promise rarity, condition, or future value.

WHAT DOES ONE OUNCE MEAN?

One troy ounce and one avoirdupois ounce are not the same weight, so the standard must be identified rather than assumed.



The word ounce is incomplete without its measurement standard.

Troy ounce

A troy ounce is approximately 31.103 grams and is widely used for precious metals. Some copper rounds also use this standard.

Avoirdupois ounce

The common U.S. household ounce is approximately 28.350 grams. Many copper pieces have been produced to this standard and may be marked AVDP.

Unspecified ounce

If a listing says only 'one ounce,' check the round's markings and the producer's specifications. A scale can provide evidence, but normal tolerances and scale accuracy must be considered.

Record the exact claim

Catalog '1 troy oz,' '1 AVDP oz,' or the precise wording shown. Do not silently convert an ambiguous statement into a more desirable one.

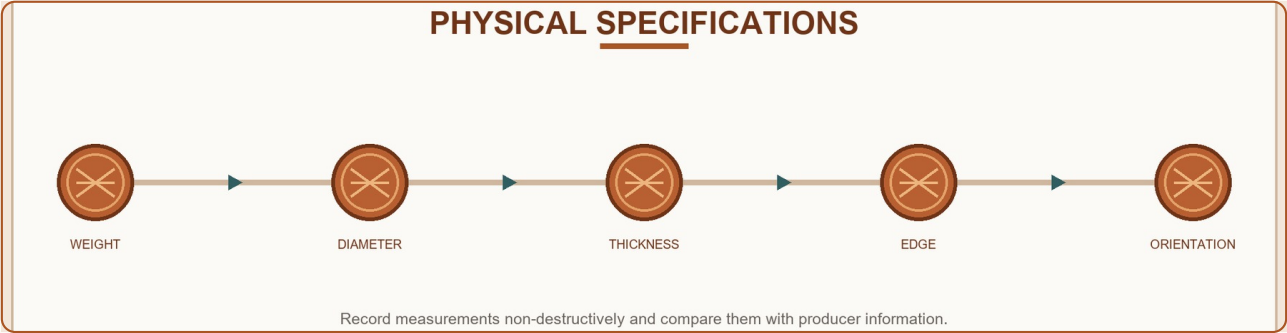


CAUTION

Never assume that every one-ounce copper round should weigh 31.103 grams.

DIMENSIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Diameter, thickness, edge, weight, and orientation help identify a round and select the correct holder.



Measurements are useful only when the method and units are recorded.

Diameter

Measure across the widest point with non-marring calipers. Common capsule sizes are sold by millimeter, so a small difference matters.

Thickness

Thickness affects capsule depth and may vary with relief. Do not force a high-relief round into a shallow holder.

Weight

Use a calibrated scale on a stable surface. Record resolution and units. Dust, capsules, wear, and scale error can distort conclusions.

Edge and alignment

Record whether the edge is plain, reeded, lettered, numbered, or decorated. Note whether obverse and reverse align in medal orientation or coin orientation.

Producer tolerance

Privately made rounds may have stated tolerances. A small variation is not automatically evidence of fraud; compare the full specification set.

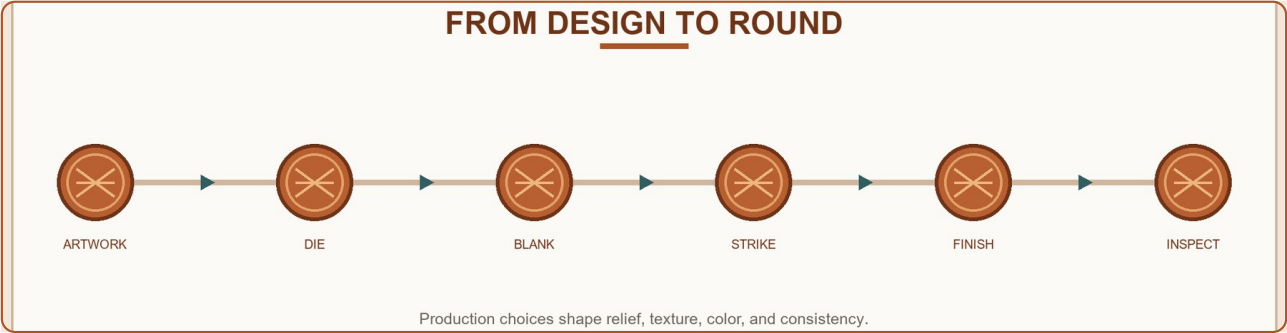


TRY THIS

Create a specification card for one round: exact markings, weight, diameter, thickness, edge, and orientation.

HOW COPPER ART ROUNDS ARE MADE

Artwork becomes a physical collectible through die preparation, blank production, striking, finishing, inspection, and packaging.



Each production stage can affect the finished appearance.

Design and die

Artwork must be translated into relief that can be struck. Fine lines, lettering, field texture, and depth must work within the metal and press limits.

Blank and strike

Prepared copper blanks are struck between dies. Pressure, strike count, alignment, blank preparation, and die condition influence detail and consistency.

Finishing

A producer may polish dies, texture fields, tumble pieces, antique recessed areas, apply selective color, or leave a natural struck surface. Applied finishes should be distinguished from later toning.

Inspection and packaging

Quality control may remove pieces with major defects, but standards differ among producers and products. Packaging can be part of the original issue and should be preserved.

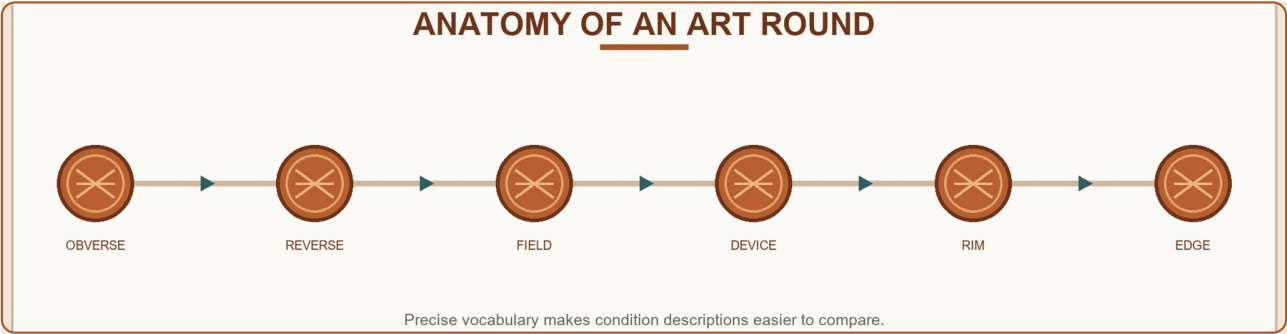


KEY TERM

Die: the engraved or hubbed tool that transfers one side of the design to the metal during striking.

ANATOMY OF AN ART ROUND

Shared terminology allows collectors to describe exactly where a feature appears.



Use the same location words when cataloging, buying, and reporting condition.

Obverse and reverse

The producer may designate the sides. If not, collectors often treat the principal design as the obverse and the secondary design or specifications side as the reverse.

Field and device

The field is the background around lettering and design elements. A device is a principal raised element such as a portrait, animal, machine, or emblem.

Relief and rim

Relief is design raised above the field. The rim helps frame and protect the design, but high relief may extend beyond it.

Edge

The edge is the outer side surface. It may be plain, reeded, lettered, numbered, or decorated. Edge damage and seams can be important.

Maker and issue marks

Record maker's marks, artist initials, serial numbers, privy marks, purity statements, and weight markings exactly as shown.

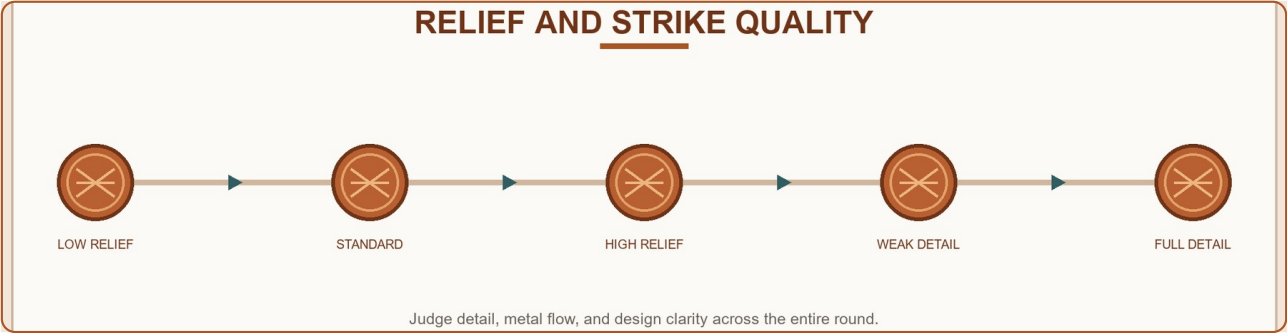


KEY TERM

Rim is the raised border on a face; edge is the outer side surface between the faces.

RELIEF, STRIKE, AND DESIGN DETAIL

A strong design can still be poorly struck, while an intentional texture can be mistaken for weakness or damage.



Evaluate the full design under moving light.

Relief

Low relief can emphasize line and graphic clarity. High relief creates depth and shadow but may require deeper capsules and careful lighting.

Strike quality

Look for complete design transfer, sharp intended edges, consistent texture, and appropriate metal flow. Compare multiple examples when possible.

Weakness versus intention

Soft detail may reflect insufficient strike, die wear, or design limitations. Matte textures and sculpted transitions may be deliberate. Producer images and known examples provide context.

Centering and alignment

Check whether the design is centered, whether rims are complete, and whether obverse and reverse orientation matches the stated standard.

Eye appeal

Technical sharpness is not the only goal. Composition, depth, balance, negative space, and finish may make one design more satisfying than another.



COLLECTOR TIP

Judge detail at normal viewing distance first, then use moderate magnification to explain what you see.

FINISHES CHANGE THE EXPERIENCE

Brilliant, proof-like, satin, matte, and antiqued finishes can make the same design look remarkably different.



Identical designs reveal how surface treatment changes contrast and mood.

Brilliant or proof-like

Highly reflective fields can create dramatic contrast but show fingerprints, hairlines, haze, and contact marks easily. 'Proof-like' describes appearance and should not automatically be treated as a formal production standard.

Satin

Fine directional texture creates a soft sheen and can reveal design without strong mirror reflection.

Matte

A low-reflectivity surface emphasizes form and texture. Matte surfaces may still show rubs, spots, and uneven handling.

Antiqued

A darkening agent is intentionally applied and then relieved from higher areas to emphasize depth. This applied finish is not the same as natural toning or dirt.

Describe, do not guess

Use the producer's terminology when known. If uncertain, describe the visible surface rather than inventing a finish name.

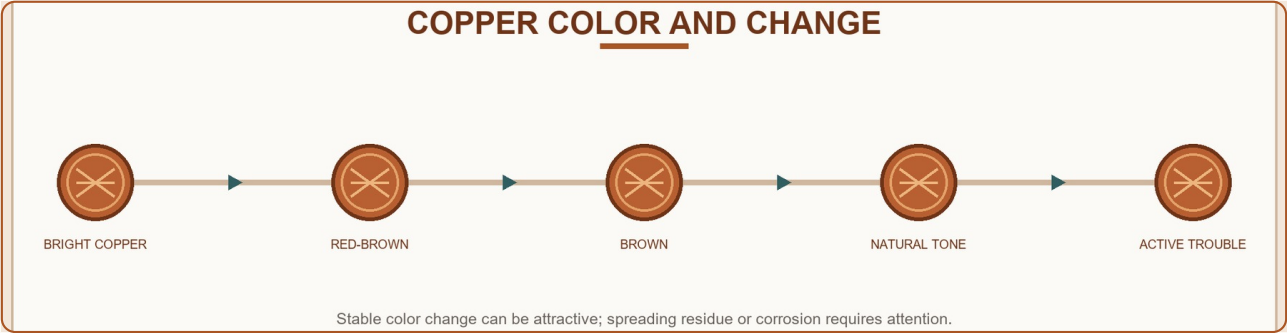


COLLECTOR'S PRINCIPLE

Finish is part of the design and production history, not merely a color choice.

COPPER COLOR, TONING, AND PATINA

Copper changes visibly with exposure, but stable color, applied patina, contamination, and active corrosion are not interchangeable.



Appearance should be evaluated with consistent lighting and an understanding of the intended finish.

Natural toning

Exposure to air and environment can deepen bright copper toward red-brown and brown. Natural change may be even, mottled, iridescent, or localized.

Applied patina

Artists and producers may intentionally darken or color a surface. Record the finish as issued whenever reliable information is available.

Fingerprints and spots

Skin oils and moisture can leave permanent patterns. Mirrored fields are especially unforgiving, but matte and antiqued surfaces can also be damaged.

Active trouble

Powdery, fuzzy, spreading, raised, oily, or bright green material can indicate contamination or active corrosion. Isolate the piece and obtain conservation advice.

Photography limitations

White balance, exposure, filters, and screen settings can change apparent copper color. Do not make a high-stakes color judgment from one image.



CAUTION

Toning is not automatically damage, and a dark factory-applied finish is not automatically natural toning.

THE MANY FIELDS OF COLLECTING

A theme gives a collection structure while leaving room for different artists, producers, finishes, and stories.



The best theme is specific enough to guide choices and broad enough to remain interesting.

Subject collections

History, wildlife, mythology, industry, service, science, holidays, places, and occupations can each support a focused collection.

Series collections

Follow one planned sequence from a producer or commissioning organization. Record issue order, announced size, finish variants, and packaging.

Artist and producer collections

Study how one creator handles relief, lettering, recurring symbols, and technical constraints across different subjects.

Finish collections

Compare the same or similar designs across brilliant, satin, matte, antiqued, or selectively finished versions.

Personal collections

Birth years, hometowns, careers, military units, favorite animals, travel, and family milestones can create collections with meaning beyond market value.



TRY THIS

Write a one-sentence collecting rule and list five rounds that would fit it.

AMERICAN HISTORY AND PATRIOTIC THEMES

Historical art rounds can open a path to research, but symbols and captions should be checked rather than accepted uncritically.



Collect the story as well as the design.

Possible subjects

Founding-era events, exploration, state and local history, presidents, landmarks, documents, anniversaries, patriotic symbols, and civic ideals offer broad possibilities.

Research the image

Identify the person, place, event, object, quotation, and date. Compare the design with historical records and distinguish commemoration from documentary accuracy.

Build by period or place

A collection can focus on one century, state, route, battle, invention, movement, monument, or national anniversary.

Respect context

Historical subjects can involve conflict, injustice, changing interpretation, or disputed symbolism. Accurate descriptions improve both credibility and educational value.



COLLECTOR TIP

Add one reliable historical source to the catalog record for every history-themed round.

WILDLIFE, NATURE, AND CONSERVATION

Nature themes combine artistic variety with opportunities to learn species, habitat, geography, and conservation history.



A nature collection can be organized scientifically, geographically, or artistically.

Choose a boundary

Collect birds, marine life, pollinators, predators, North American wildlife, national parks, forests, or one species across many artists.

Check identification

Record common and scientific names when known. Decorative designs may combine features or habitats, so avoid claiming biological accuracy without evidence.

Compare interpretations

One animal can appear as a realistic portrait, emblem, mythic symbol, heraldic device, or stylized pattern. These variations create a strong study collection.

Conservation claims

If an issue claims to benefit an organization or cause, verify the producer's statement and avoid assuming that every nature-themed sale supports conservation.



TRY THIS

Build a five-round habitat set: forest, grassland, mountain, wetland, and ocean.

MYTHOLOGY, FANTASY, AND FOLKLORE

Legendary subjects reward collectors who trace sources, compare traditions, and follow continuing series.



Stories give related designs a natural collecting sequence.

Mythology

Gods, heroes, monsters, symbols, and creation stories can be organized by culture, text, artist, or narrative cycle.

Fantasy

Dragons, imagined worlds, magical objects, and original characters often appear in continuing series and multiple finish variants.

Folklore

Regional legends, cryptids, folk heroes, and seasonal traditions connect a round to a place and community.

Research respectfully

Names and stories may have several spellings or cultural interpretations. Record the producer's title and a reliable source for context.

Series discipline

Before starting a long series, confirm announced size, release frequency, typical price, variants, and whether earlier issues remain obtainable.



COLLECTOR TIP

A complete story arc can be more satisfying than an open-ended accumulation of unrelated creatures.

TRANSPORTATION, INDUSTRY, AND TECHNOLOGY

Machines and occupations provide detailed subjects for collectors who enjoy design, engineering, and working history.



Technical themes reward precise descriptions.

Transportation

Railroads, locomotives, automobiles, aviation, ships, canals, roads, and spaceflight can be collected by era, maker, route, or vehicle type.

Industry

Mining, steel, agriculture, energy, manufacturing, construction, and skilled trades connect copper rounds to labor and economic history.

Technology

Inventions, communications, tools, scientific instruments, and computing themes can form chronological or inventor-focused sets.

Identify the machine

Record model, operator, date range, location, and distinguishing features when known. Artistic designs may simplify or combine details.



TRY THIS

Choose one transportation system and collect five stages of its development.

HOLIDAYS, COMMEMORATIONS, AND GIFTS

Dated and occasion-specific rounds often enter collections as gifts, souvenirs, or annual traditions.



Purpose, date, issuer, and packaging can be as important as the central design.

Annual themes

Christmas, Halloween, anniversaries, graduations, births, weddings, and seasonal imagery may repeat with changed dates or designs.

Event issues

Shows, organizations, businesses, clubs, communities, and anniversaries may commission rounds for a specific audience or limited period.

Gift collecting

A round can mark a personal milestone without being personalized. Preserve the original note or provenance if it adds meaning.

Catalog carefully

Similar yearly issues are easy to confuse. Record exact date, wording, producer, dimensions, finish, packaging, and any edition number.

Avoid artificial scarcity

A dated issue is not automatically rare. Demand, surviving quantity, producer recognition, and design quality still matter.



COLLECTOR'S PRINCIPLE

Personal significance is real value even when the broader market remains modest.

SERVICE, MILITARY, AND MEMORIAL THEMES

Rounds honoring service deserve accurate language, documented attribution, and respectful presentation.



Honor the subject by checking the facts.

Collecting paths

Military branches, units, conflicts, equipment, veterans, police, fire, emergency medical services, and memorial events can each define a collection.

Official versus commemorative

A privately produced design is not automatically an official issue of the organization depicted. Look for licensing, commissioning, or producer information.

Symbols and dates

Verify insignia, unit names, service dates, ranks, equipment, and historical context. Avoid repeating unsupported claims.

Provenance

If a round was presented to a specific person or connected to an event, preserve documentation while respecting privacy and family wishes.

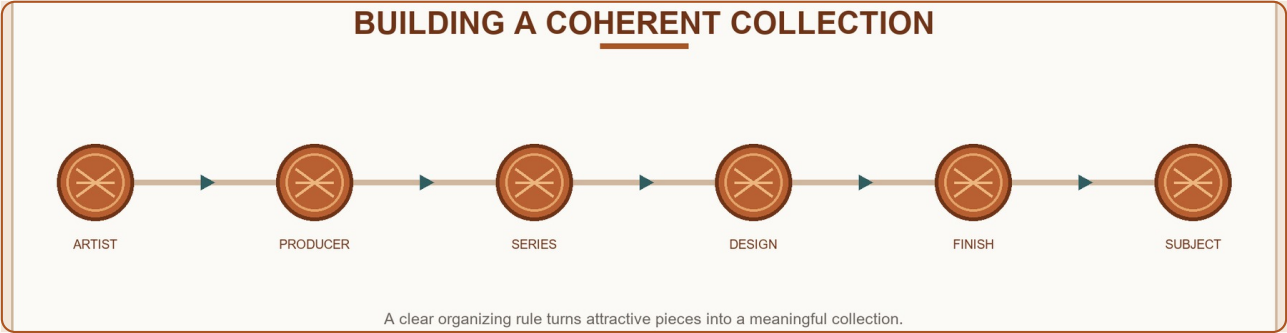


CAUTION

Do not describe a privately made round as an official military or agency award without documentation.

COLLECT BY ARTIST, PRODUCER, OR SERIES

A coherent collection can follow the people and organizations behind the designs rather than a single subject.



The organizing rule should explain why each new piece belongs.

Artist

Track recurring design language, sculpting approach, lettering, relief, initials, and collaborations. Confirm attribution rather than relying on style alone.

Producer

Compare manufacturing quality, specifications, finishes, packaging, and issue records across one mint or manufacturer.

Commissioning seller

Some retailers commission exclusive designs or variants. Record who produced the piece and who commissioned or distributed it.

Series

Document issue order, release dates, planned size, variants, and cancellations. Keep announcements and certificates with the catalog.

Design study

Collect the same design in different finishes, metals, sizes, or packaging, clearly distinguishing official variants from later alterations.

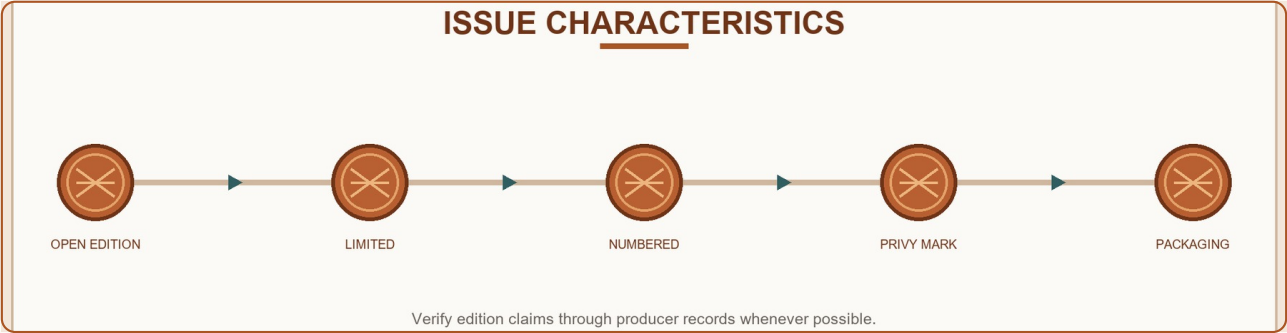


COLLECTOR TIP

Producer, commissioner, distributor, and seller may be four different roles—record each accurately.

LIMITED EDITIONS AND ISSUE VARIANTS

Edition claims can shape demand, but only when the terms are defined and the records are credible.



Ask what exactly was limited: design, finish, package, date, or numbered subset.

Open edition

Production may continue as demand warrants. An open edition can still be collectible for design and quality.

Limited edition

A stated maximum should identify the producer, exact variant, quantity, and whether the limit covers all sales channels.

Numbered pieces

A serial number may be engraved on the edge, round, capsule, certificate, or package. Its meaning depends on producer records; number 1 is not automatically the first struck.

Privy marks and variants

Small marks, color, finish, packaging, or distribution channel may distinguish versions. Confirm that the variation was intentionally issued.

Original packaging

Capsules, cards, certificates, boxes, and sleeves may support identification and provenance. Store them safely even if you display the round separately.



CAUTION

Do not repeat a limited-mintage claim unless you can identify its source and the exact variant it covers.

THREE BEGINNER COLLECTIONS

A practical first project should be affordable, explainable, and capable of reaching a satisfying stopping point.



HANDLE AND EXAMINE ROUNDS SAFELY

Large smooth fields and applied finishes can show fingerprints and rubs immediately.



A fitted black examination glove can reduce direct contact when used with good control.

Prepare

Work seated over a clean, soft surface with good diffuse lighting. Remove food, drinks, chemicals, jewelry, and loose objects.

Hands and gloves

Clean, dry hands holding only the edge provide good control. Clean, fitted powder-free black nitrile or latex-style examination gloves may also be used. Loose cotton gloves reduce grip and should be avoided.

Hold the edge

Pinch the round gently at opposite edge points. Do not touch the faces, stack bare rounds, slide them, or pass them loose from hand to hand.

Use moving light

View the round normally, then tilt it under one light. Examine fields, devices, rim, edge, color, finish, spots, hairlines, and contact marks.

Return it promptly

Prepare the capsule before removing the round. Do not force a piece into a holder or wipe away dust or fingerprints.



CAUTION

A glove does not make careless handling safe. Grip, workspace, and edge-only contact still matter.

STORE AND DISPLAY WITHOUT HARM

Capsules, tubes, boxes, and stands must work together with a stable environment.



Protection continues after the round enters a holder.

Capsules

Use inert, correctly sized capsules with sufficient depth. A loose round can rattle; an undersized or shallow capsule can rub high relief.

Tubes and boxes

Tubes can organize similar encapsulated rounds. Compartmented boxes reduce movement and make inventory checks easier.

Display

Display only encapsulated pieces. Limit direct sunlight, heat, humidity, airborne chemicals, smoke, and frequent handling. Secure stands against tipping.

Environment

Choose a dry location with stable temperature. Avoid attics, garages, damp basements, exterior walls, wood fumes, rubber, adhesives, and soft PVC.

Inspect

Check periodically for haze, residue, spots, changing color, capsule cracks, moisture, or packaging deterioration. Photograph important changes.



COLLECTOR TIP

Storage protects the collection; display presents a carefully chosen part of it.

EVALUATE QUALITY AND CONDITION

A quality round combines effective design, complete production, appropriate finish, preserved surfaces, and strong overall eye appeal.



Use consistent categories so different rounds can be compared fairly.

Design

Consider composition, lettering, depth, clarity, originality, and how well the reverse supports the principal subject.

Strike and relief

Look for complete intended detail, centering, rim formation, and consistent metal flow. Compare known examples before calling weakness a defect.

Finish

Check whether reflective, matte, satin, antiqued, or colorized surfaces are even and appropriate. Separate the intended treatment from spots, rub, haze, or residue.

Surfaces and edge

Note contact marks, hairlines, fingerprints, corrosion, scratches, dents, edge damage, and capsule wear. Describe rather than conceal problems.

Packaging and eye appeal

Original packaging may matter, but a damaged box does not necessarily damage the round. Judge the object and its presentation separately.



COLLECTOR'S PRINCIPLE

Quality is observed and described; it is not created by an optimistic listing title.

BUY COPPER ART ROUNDS WISELY ONLINE

Online buying works best when the listing, seller, specifications, photographs, and total price tell the same story.



Slow comparison protects both budget and collection focus.

Read the complete listing

Confirm producer, commissioner, design, finish, stated purity, exact ounce standard, dimensions, condition, packaging, edition claim, shipping, and returns.

Study photographs

Look for clear front, back, edge, and packaging images under neutral light. Stock photographs may not show the exact piece you will receive.

Evaluate the seller

Review history, specialty knowledge, description quality, return terms, and response to questions. A high feedback number does not replace an accurate listing.

Compare total price

Separate approximate copper value from collectible premium. Compare recent completed sales for the same design, finish, condition, packaging, and variant—not merely other copper rounds.

Inspect on arrival

Photograph the package, compare the round with the listing, verify measurements when needed, and act within the return period.



CAUTION

An asking price shows what a seller hopes to receive; a completed comparable sale shows what a buyer accepted.

CATALOG, SHARE, AND KEEP LEARNING

Documentation turns a group of attractive rounds into a collection that can be studied, insured, shared, and passed forward.



Collectors strengthen the field by sharing accurate information and welcoming correction.

Catalog identity

Record title, theme, producer, commissioner, artist, date, series, finish, purity statement, weight standard, dimensions, edge, and issue characteristics.

Catalog acquisition

Save seller, date, price, fees, invoice, listing images, packaging, certificate, and known provenance.

Photograph consistently

Use the same background, light, camera angle, white balance, and scale reference. Photograph both faces, edge, packaging, and distinguishing marks.

Share responsibly

Separate observation from conclusion, disclose alterations or damage, cite edition claims, and avoid presenting private issues as legal tender.

Learn together

Collector groups, specialty communities, producers, archives, museums, and experienced sellers can help identify designs and preserve issue histories.



COLLECTOR'S PRINCIPLE

Good collecting preserves both the round and the reliable information attached to it.

QUICK REFERENCE: BEFORE YOU BUY

Use this checklist for every prospective one-ounce copper art round.

IDENTIFY

Round, not coin. Record producer, commissioner, artist, title, series, date, and theme.

VERIFY

Exact purity wording; troy or avoirdupois weight; diameter; thickness; edge; finish; edition source.

EVALUATE

Design, strike, relief, finish, surfaces, color, edge, packaging, and overall eye appeal.

COMPARE

Use completed sales for the same design, finish, variant, condition, and packaging. Include fees and shipping.

PRESERVE

Handle by the edge. Use a fitted inert capsule. Avoid cleaning, soft PVC, moisture, heat, sunlight, and chemicals.

DOCUMENT

Assign an inventory number. Save photographs, invoice, listing, measurements, packaging, and research.

COLLECT WITH PURPOSE

Choose a theme, series, artist, producer, finish, place, event, or personal story. Set a budget and completion rule.

CONTINUE THE JOURNEY

Explore educational resources and available art rounds from Treasure Questor Collectibles and Copper Silver Mercantile through the American Copper Coalition.



THE COLLECTOR'S PROMISE

Choose thoughtfully. Verify claims. Describe honestly. Preserve carefully. Share knowledge.