

CLEANING AND PRESERVING VINYL RECORDS

1. Purchase a Vinyl cleaning set (\$20-\$100)
 - a. Microfiber brushes
 - b. Microfiber cloths
 - c. Cleaning solution

Some kits may contain cleaning basins and drying racks

2. Make your own vinyl cleaning solution.
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup 90% or more isopropyl alcohol
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup distilled water
 - 1 or 2 drops of dishwasher fluid

 - additional supplies needed: 3 Microfiber cloths
 - a. Combine ingredients into spray bottle
 - b. Place record on microfiber cloth. Spray solution onto record. Wait 30 seconds, this should allow solution to fill in grooves. Tip: avoid spraying record label
 - c. Wipe away solution with a different microfiber cloth.
 - d. Wipe both sides of record with different microfiber cloth soaked in distilled water

This process will remove fingerprints and grime not removed with a record cleaning brush.

3. Use wood glue to fix deep scratches.
 - a. Apply wood glue to record. Start at center near label, lightly squeeze wood glue, and apply to record while record is turning to provide even application.
 - b. Using cardboard or cardstock around 2 inches wide, spread wood glue around entire record.
 - c. Allow glue to dry for 24 hours. Glue is dry when no longer sticky
 - d. Peel dried wood glue starting on the outside edge of the record.
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