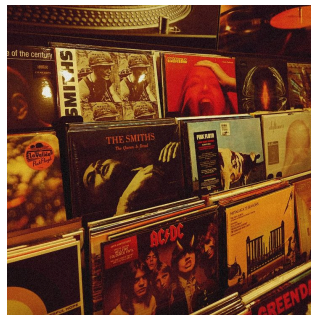


## HOW TO: Vintage Vinyl Care

So you've started collecting records, but do you really know the top vinyl care tips? Vintage is rare, and deserves to be looked after, so here are the best recommendations to properly look after your records.

1. **Cleaning Your Records.** Vinyls tend to collect dust & dirt. Fingerprints and scratches will slowly lower the value and condition of your record, so cleaning is very important. To begin, use a record cleaning brush to remove any dirt or static, making sure to clean in a circular motion along with the grooves of the record. Afterwards, use a cleaning solution to remove any fingerprints and oil from the vinyl. A clean record will always produce better sound quality.
2. **When handling the record, make sure to hold it by the edges.** Oil on your fingers can damage the record, and even if they look clean, there's still a chance of the oil getting within the delicate grooves, causing dirt and dust to stick. Always make sure to handle it with care and delicacy.
3. **Make sure to use anti-static inner sleeves for the vinyl, and clear plastic sleeves to protect the cover.** These will ensure that your records are protected from any dirt or dust. Storing your vinyls upright will ensure that they remain intact shape wise, and make sure to keep them away from the sun.



That's all for this week :)

We hope you can take these tips and use them to your advantage!

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