



Hang-Ups

Technical advice for
technical problems

Q: *A customer brought in an old phonograph record for preservation mounting. What mounting method can I use that is completely reversible?*

A: There are a variety of methods to pick from. One method is to use multipurpose acrylic holders. Another is to use a plate holder with plastic-coated tips. The simplest method would be to put a large brass paper fastener through the holes in the record and mounting board, securing the “legs” of the paper fastener to the back of the moulding board. You can also use an acrylic or wooden dowel, a screw with a decorative cap nut, or a similar option. Choose a dowel or screw that is the right diameter for the spindle hole in the record. Cut it to the length you need and secure it through a hole cut in the mounting board. Then slip the record on the dowel or screw. If you do not like the look of the dowel, glue a decorative element to the front edge as camouflage.

For 45 rpm records, place the plastic insert in the large hole and proceed as explained above. If you do not have the insert, cut a circle out of foam board that will fit snugly into the large hole in the record. Glue the foam board to the mounting board and push the record onto the foam board. To conceal the foam board, glue on a piece of matboard or decorative paper. If the record does not have to appear as if it is floating, and you have access to a circle mat cutter, you can place it in a sink mat. ♦

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