

# Upcycling: New life to old records

Vinyl records are beautiful, but not all can still be used for music

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Inspired by a life-long passion for music, I built a small workshop in the back of my garage in 2013, and have been making music-inspired art and gifts for friends and family ever since. Exploring new possibilities with vinyl records and vintage sheet music, I specialise in original designs using reclaimed materials that I source locally across Norfolk – metallic fruit bowls, letter racks, guitar pick clocks, and anything that's useful or decorative.

Refining my ideas by connecting with other makers has helped improve the quality of my work in a big way and is something I'd recommend to other upcyclers.

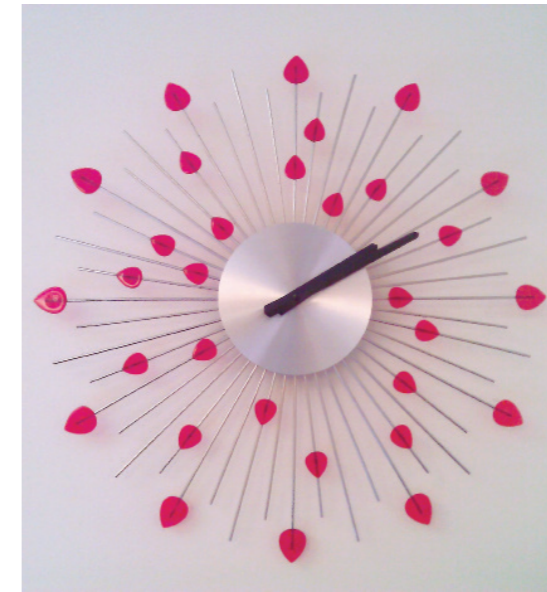
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With meetups, forums, and social media, there's no need to go it alone. It's interesting how critics and negative comments can help too. My designs attracted a fair amount of controversy among vinyl enthusiasts before I mentioned that the records are unplayable and destined for landfill. Adding this info into product descriptions has helped vinyl enthusiasts become one of my biggest customer groups.

For 2019, I'm looking forward to experimenting with larger projects like furniture and art installations, growing my Etsy store, and getting in touch with my local makerspace to benefit from their awesome power tools. □

Above ♦ You don't need a lot of tools to work with vinyl

Above Right ▣ You can do a lot with a record and some heat



Below ▣ Here comes the mirror, man