

Chairs Challenge Show 2026

For those of you new to Bourne Quilters one of the things we do for the show is a Chairs Challenge. I have the honour of setting it this year. The challenge is to make a record out of fabric and that you decorate with something that represents a 33 rpm album, 45 single, or if you wish a 78!

The only rule is that the record should be the size of a 33, 45, or 78. The decoration can be 1D, 2D, 3D, appliqué, embroidery, machine embroidery – whatever you fancy. Below is some guidance on how to make the record part.

There was some hilarity at a committee meeting recently when I declared the first record I bought was Chuck Berry and ‘My ding a ling’ – the 11 year old Karen had no idea what it was about – not sure I will be making it as my record.

Here is how to make your vinyl.

Requirements

- Black fabric - enough to cut out 2 circles the size of an LP record -12 inches plus seam allowance or 45rpm or if limited fabric the back can be in a different fabric as it won't be seen
- 1 piece of wadding - size of record.
- Embellishments for record.
- Coloured fabric for inner circle of both sides of record – or you can work this into your design.

Instructions

There are several ways of going about this – it depends on what and how you have decided on your decoration – it may be easier for you to decorate your vinyl before you put the back on and quilt it or, if you have made a separate decoration you may want to piece and quilt your record and then stitch on your decoration.

1. Cut out central circle and Bondaweb to each of the black circles
2. **Decorate the front of your vinyl or proceed to the next step if you are going to decorate after constructed
3. Put two black circles right sides together with wadding on top. Sew 1/4 inch from edge, leaving a small area open so you can turn record out. . Tack and press to form circle. Sew up opening.
4. With black cotton, sew a spiral around the record, starting on the edge of inner circle. Keep sewing, forming a spiral that looks like the grooves on the record. Use the sewing foot as a guide to get an even spiral until you reach the edge of the record.

Please ask or have a chat with me if you are not sure and want to talk through the method.