



Leaf Pressing & Collage

Explore your outdoor space collecting leaves, flowers, or other plants to bring home and create a beautiful natural collage!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

On the walk

- A small bag for collecting plants

For the collage

- recycled newspaper, construction paper, or cardboard
- school glue, glue stick, or hot glue
- paper towels or parchment paper
- Heavy books or binders

INSTRUCTIONS

1. As you explore an outdoor space, collect fallen leaves, plants, or flowers near the end of their life to create your collage with! Look for various colors and shapes, and items that will press flat easily. Be sure to be aware of POISON IVY while you collect.
2. Once you return from your walk, lay your plant collection out flat between paper towels or parchment paper. Make sure your items aren't overlapped, and use some heavy books or binders to stack on top of your items. This will help remove excess moisture from the leaves, and keep them nice and flat for the collage! This may take anywhere from 6-24hrs.
3. After your plant collection has been pressed, gently remove them from between the books and begin to stage your collage on top of your cardboard, construction paper, or newspaper. It can also be fun to paint/color your collage board first, before adding your leaves.
4. Place a thin layer of glue on the backs of your leaves, and adhere them to your board.
5. Let dry for about 1 hour before hanging.