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# Funeral Flowers Pressed in Beveled Glass

## HOW TO MAKE A PRESS

The "kit" for pressing is simple to assemble. You need:

1. Corrugated cardboard 9 pieces cut into 8.5x11 pieces
2. Construction paper 16 sheets of 8.5' x 11"
3. 4 large ubberbands

The cardboard has to be corrugated. This allows air to circulate through the press and prevents mold from forming while the flowers are drying. Cut a cardborad box down into 8.5x11 pieces.

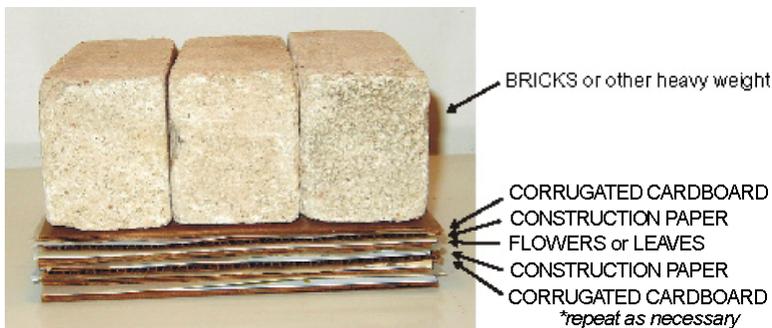
Construction paper is a MUST. It is coarse and allows for moisture to be absorbed. No printer paper or wax paper! Just buy a package of the construction paper at any store that has school supplies and color is not important.

Each press should contain 8 layers. The sequence is:

1. Cardboard,
2. Construction paper,
3. Parts of the flowers (see the separate directions for taking the flowers apart for the pressing)
4. Construction paper and cardboard...
5. Repeat this sequence for 8 layers and put several rubber bands around it to squash it more tightly together.
6. Set each press under a few heavy "weights" and bricks are probably the simplest.



*Cut at least 9 corrugated cardboard 8.5" x 11"  
Cut 16 sheets of Constuction paper 8.5 "x 11"*



*Heavy weight for at least 2 weeks*

Place them in a dry warm room under the weights for at least 2 weeks to set them and get the drying and pressing started.

It takes one press to make one large and about 3 small windows.

After the 2 weeks you send the presses (still rubber-banded) to us with your order form and photographs of the flowers if you have them. It will take 6 weeks for us to get the order completed once we receive them. They can be mailed in the post offices soft priority envelopes.



*Press each type of flower on it's own layer*



*Construction paper color is not important*

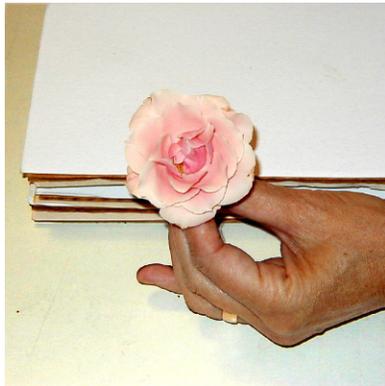
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## PRESSING INSTRUCTIONS

For the individual flowers, I suggest pressing in the following way:

- **Roses and large flowers** with a lot of petals need to be taken apart. Press each petal separately and arrange them on the page near to each other but not overlapping. If you press the whole flower it will mold and not be usable.
- **Some thinner chrysanthemums** can be pressed individually without taking them apart. Place no more than 3 on a page and do not put other flowers on the page with them.
- **Sunflowers** need to be taken apart and press only the flower petals.
- **Flowers on a small stem** like Freesia can be pressed on the stems by laying them on their sides.
- **Larkspur, delphinium** and similar flowers should be pressed individually, face down. You can put as many as will fit onto the page, but don't overlap them.
- **Carnations** should be separated and the green bases should be pressed along with the petals.
- **Flowers like Iris and tulips** are too fragile when pressed. Alstromeria however can be pressed both petal by petal and as a whole flower placed on its side.
- **Greenery:** this should be pressed as it accents the flowers well in any arrangement. Most greenery can be pressed leaf by leaf or in groups of leaves on their stem. The same with Baby's Breath or Caspia.
- If you have flowers in an arrangement that are dried already or if they are seed pods or thicker, interesting accents, they can be sent as well. The placement between the 2 pieces of glass allow for a bit of thickness in the arrangements. I will let you know if anything is not suitable



1. Pick the flower



2. Pinch the flower



3. Lay out the flowers



Greenery

For Funerals, if there is a memory card, it can be included or we can make a small card that includes the name and Date of Birth and Date of Death if you want.

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