



## PRESSED FLOWERS

*Margaret's Activities*

*Pressing flowers has been a crafty pastime for many centuries. Victorian women in particular enjoyed the activity.*

### Things You'll Need:

Blotting notebook papers  
Construction or tracing paper  
A thick book (like the phonebook)  
Flower presses  
Fresh flowers  
Fresh plant materials  
Tweezers  
Old newspapers or newsprint  
Glue

### Directions:

Select flowers, grass, moss, and a background material such as construction or tracing paper. Gently squeeze the center of the flowers with your index finger and thumb to flatten. Thin out mosses and grasses. Use tweezers to arrange the plant material into the desired design. Try to use flowers and plants of the same thickness to avoid uneven pressure. After you've finalized your design, glue the flowers to your background.

Place the arrangement between sheets of blotting paper, and then place a piece of newspaper or newsprint on top of the blotting paper. Place fat heavy objects like a phonebook or a dictionary on top of the newspaper. Let the flower arrangement sit for two weeks under the books.

*Ask a grown-up for help when using knives and other sharp objects, and when using candles. Be sure to use pot holders when handling warm wax.*

*Voyage on the Great Titanic*

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*Cameo Necklace*