

# Make a Mini Herbarium

*Have you ever collected flowers or leaves and wanted to save them? Here's a fun way to create your own "herbarium" book, which is kind of like a leaf and flower museum.*

## What You Need

- Scissors
- Container
- Journal
- Liquid glue
- Paper
- Library access or computer with internet access
- Materials listed in either video



## Step 1: Collecting!

Go to a place where you can find and harvest various plants. This could be your backyard, a riverside, your town forest, or even the side of a road.

Bring scissors and a container to put the plants in.

## Step 2: Study What You Find

Your herbarium can teach others about what is growing in your backyard! If you like, you could write down notes about each plant you collect.

- How big or small is this type of plant?
- What colors do you see on the plant?
- How many leaves, petals, etc. does the plant have?
- Where did you find it?

## Step 3: Pressing & Saving Your Plant Samples

There are a different ways to dry your plant samples to save them. Here are a couple choices:

- [Pressing Plants - A Simple Way to Dry Flowers](#)
- [Learn How to Press Flowers...In the Microwave!](#)

## Step 4: Putting Together a Herbarium Book

When your plants are pressed and dried, you can carefully glue them onto construction paper. Add your notes to describe what you know about your plant. Tie together your pages, and you have a herbarium book to share!



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Common Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location/Habitat: \_\_\_\_\_

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