

Pressed Flower Bookmark

What You'll Need:

- Various leaves and flowers from your backyard
- Card stock
- Glue (or tape)
- Hole-punch
- String, ribbon or yarn ... whatever you have on hand is fine!
- Contact paper or laminator (recommended, but not necessary)

Instructions:

1. Talk a walk through your backyard to look for small flowers and leaves. Try and collect a variety of shapes and sizes - the more unique, the better.
2. Once you have collected your flowers/plants, it is time to press them! To do this, place between the pages of a large (and heavy) book and leave for 3-4 days.
3. Once your flowers/leaves are pressed, cut your card stock (or thick paper) into the preferred size for your bookmark.
4. Place the pressed flowers onto the card stock, and play around with the placement until you find a design that you like! Then, use your glue stick (or tape) to secure everything in place.
5. You may want to take the extra step to laminate your bookmark, but don't be worried if you don't have a laminator or contact paper at home.
6. You may also want to take the project a step further by using a hole-punch to create small holes around the border of your bookmark. Then, using your string (or ribbon/yarn) begin weaving in and out of the holes, creating a spiral effect.

