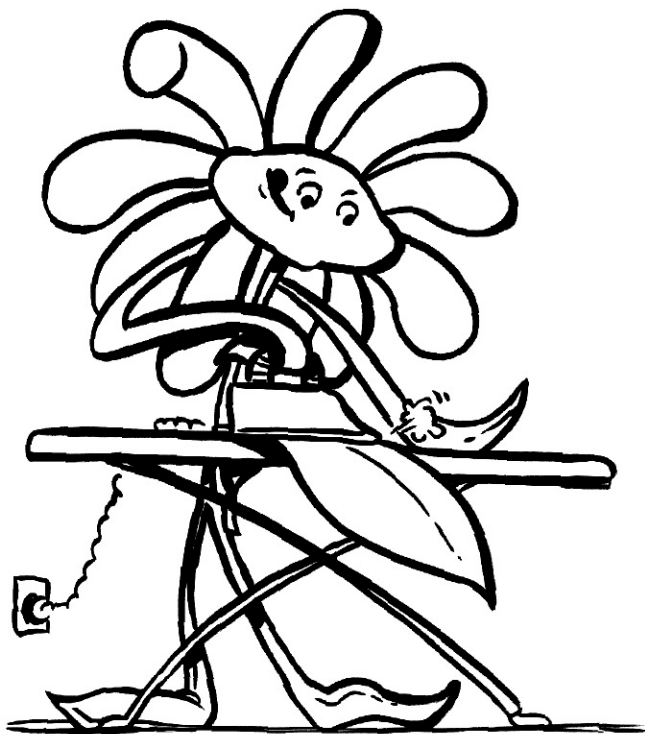


# MAKE A FLOWER PRESS



## Materials

- 2 pieces of flat, heavy cardboard
- Masking tape or colorful plastic tape
- X-acto knife
- 2 ribbons, each a yard long
- Paper towels
- Heavy books

## DIRECTIONS

Pressed flowers should be gathered early in the morning, when the dew has dried but blossoms are still fresh. You can press them to save for craft projects next winter. They're nice to glue to greeting cards, bookmarks or holiday placemats.

### Directions:

1. Cover the edges of the cardboard with tape to make it look nice and neat (Figure 1).
2. Ask an adult to cut slits in each corner of both pieces of cardboard with an X-acto knife. Be sure the slits are wide enough for the ribbon to slide through.
3. Thread ribbon through the slits (Figure 2).
4. Lay paper towels between the cardboard pieces.
5. As you gather fresh flowers, position them carefully between the paper towels (Figure 3).
6. Tie the ribbons to close the press.
7. When you get home, stack some heavy books on top of the flower press to help flatten the blossoms (Figure 4).

Check the flowers every few days. It will take a few weeks for them to dry completely, depending on the flowers' thickness.

Figure 1:

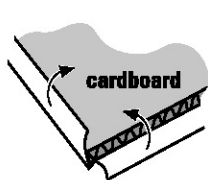


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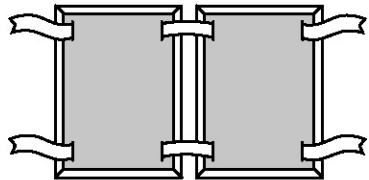


Figure 3:



Figure 4:

