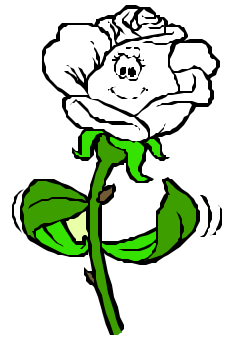
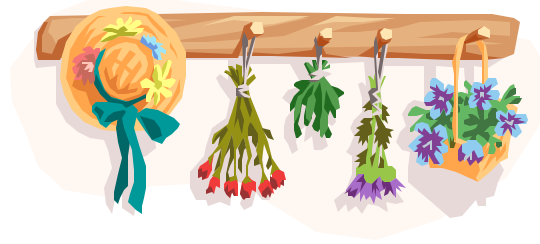


# Drying Flowers and Making Bookmarkers



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Drying flowers is a really cool way to preserve their beauty long after spring and summer have gone. It's really easy! Just follow these simple directions and you'll have dried flowers to do all kinds of cool things with:

- Pick or cut your flowers on a dry day, in the morning after the dew has dried. Try to pick your them just before they reach the full bloom stage. Some flowers do open more as they dry.
- Remove unwanted leaves.
- Divide the flowers in to small bunches.
- Tie them together with string yarn, or rubber bands.
- Hang the flowers upside down in a warm, dry, dark place. (It must be dry so that the flowers do not rot, and it should be dark so that the colors of the flowers do not fade.)
- Drying flowers this way may take a few weeks. The length of time will vary depending on the kind of flowers you are drying, the humidity, and the temperature. Check your flowers every 2-3 days. You want them to be dry to the touch.

## Dried Flower Bookmarkers

### What You Need:

- Clear contact paper or self-stick laminating paper
- Scissors
- Dried flowers and/or leaves
- Ribbon

### What to Do:

1. Cut two pieces of laminating / contact paper approximately 2" across by 8" down.
2. Peel the backing off of one side of the paper and lay the sticky side face up.
3. Remove blossoms and leaves from their stems and arrange them on the sticky paper.
4. Press everything flat with your fingers.
5. Peel the backing off of the second piece of laminating/contact paper.
6. Place it sticky side down over your arrangement. Don't worry about the edges lining up exactly, and you probably will get some wrinkles. Just press everything down as flat as possible.
7. Trim the edges.
8. Poke a hole at the top and run a strand of ribbon through. Tie a bow and you're done!

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