

Your Wedding Flowers Pressed in Beveled Glass

PRESSING INSTRUCTIONS

For the individual flowers, I suggest pressing in the following way:

Roses: Press only petals...pull off the head of the flower gently to get the whole petals and press them next to one another. Don't overlap them. Press only 1 rose of each color. If you are pressing miniature roses buds you may press them whole by laying them on their sides.

Stephanotis: Press as much as possible if this is included in the bouquet. Cut off the tube just below the petaled top and press tops faces down.

Delphinium / larkspur: Cut at the base of the small stem as near to the flower as possible. Press flower face down on the blotter/paper.

Lilies / alstromeria: Separate and press petals separately. If the flowers do not fall apart too easily, it is nice to press one or 2 whole alstromeria. Usually the lilies are too big for this.

Greens: Press a full page of individual leaves, ivy, bamboo or any other large leafed green.

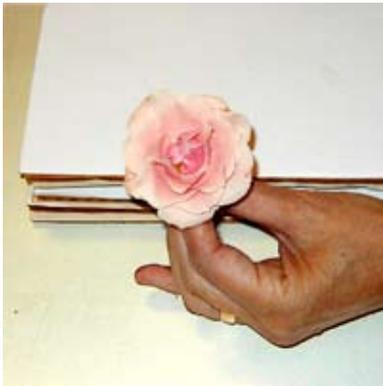
Baby's Breath: Press stems with several of the small flowers (2-4") and they can overlap.

Queen Anne's Lace: Cut the head of the flower into the separate small flowers and place them separately, face down on the blotter.

Daisies / Chrysanthemums: Press only 2 flowers on a sheet and place them face down on the blotter. These require extra weight on top of the press to assure even pressing.



Greenery



1. Pick the flower



2. Pinch the flower



3. Lay out the flowers



Bricks or other heavy weight

Corrugated Cardboard
Construction Paper
FLOWERS or LEAVES
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Repeat layers as necessary

4. Put under heavy weight

As you are pressing, it is important not to overlap the flowers and petals (see photograph #3), except with baby's breath, but do put them as close together as possible to allow for pressing the most that you can on each page. Using your flowers, progress through the layers as noted below. When you are finished, make sure the top layer is cardboard and take the whole stack to a warm, dry place where it will sit for the next three weeks. Place 3 bricks (or something of equal weight) on top of the stack (see photograph #4). Weight must be evenly distributed to provide equal pressure and a complete pressing (flattening) of all the flowers.

In 3 weeks, take the bricks off, but don't try to open the press. If the flowers are still at all damp, they will separate and clump when you try to put it back together again. Bind the stack tightly with the provided rubber bands, like the cross-tying on a gift package. Slide it into the envelope it came in (Recycle!) with your completed order form and check (or credit card information) and mail it all in the priority mailer that is also enclosed in the packet. We will take it from there.

To help us recreate the particular character of your flowers, please send a photo of the bouquet. Your photograph will be returned with your completed piece.

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