



Nature Press Instructions

Selection & Preparation

Collect your favorite flowers and leaves after the morning dew has evaporated but before the heat of the day. This will ensure that there is no excess moisture and offer the best chances of a quality result in the drying process. If you are not able to process your specimens right away, place them in zip lock bags and store them for a short time in the refrigerator. Blow air into the bags before sealing them to prevent your specimens from becoming crushed or damaged prior to pressing. Before arranging the flowers and leaves, be sure to remove any damaged portions unless you wish to see them in your finished product. On some flowers, you may want to remove petals in the thick center core or remove stamens to prevent staining.

Using Your Nature Press

Once you have selected and prepared your specimens for pressing, you need to arrange them in the press. Place the bottom press board on a flat surface with the bolts placed in the holes pointing up from the table. Layer and build your press in the following order:

Bottom Press Board
Cardboard
Blotter Paper
Specimen
Blotter Paper
Cardboard
Blotter Paper
Specimen
Blotter Paper
Cardboard

You can continue this order for several more layers. Avoid crowding specimens in each layer and leave at least an inch of space between the edges of your arrangement and the edge of the blotter paper. Try to press items with similar drying times in batches to prevent opening the press before all items are dry.

We hope you enjoy your new Nature Press from BestNest!