

MAKE YOUR OWN PLANT PRESS!

Materials needed:

- Two hardcover books of the same size
- Cardboard, large enough to cut three pieces the size of outer covers
- Newspaper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Ties or straps to keep press closed. Shoelaces, rubber bands/hair ties, or belts work.

Instructions:

Step 1: Mark the cardboard using one of the hardcover books. Repeat two more times. Cut out cardboard pieces.

Step 2: Trace and cut three pieces of newspaper to the same size as the cardboard. Make sure one side of your newspaper has a fold so it opens like a book.

Step 3: Assemble your press by alternating layers of cardboard, newspaper, then cardboard, etc. between the two books.

Step 4: Place your ties under the press and tie them tightly around the top of the press.

Now you're ready to cut & press plants!

When you find a plant you want to collect:

- Make sure you take a photo of it so you can ID it later;
- Take notes on where you collected it and when;
- Collect as much of the plant as you can - leaves, flowers, fruit.

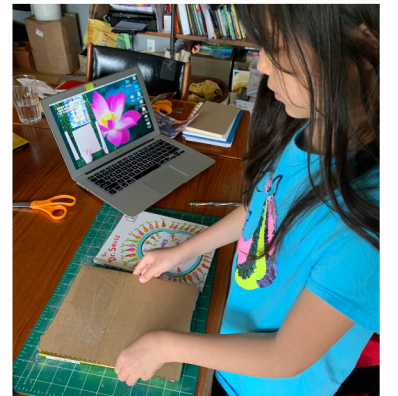
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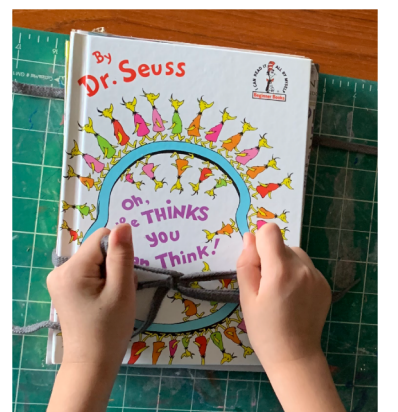
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