



PRESSED FLOWER ART

Activity Guide

Objectives

- Learn what Mojave desert wildflowers look like and when they bloom.
- Create a plant press from at-home items.
- Create a piece of artwork from pressed flowers.

Materials

For the lesson

- Flower or plant parts
- 2 or more pieces of cardboard
- 2 textbooks or bricks
- thinned white glue or Mod Podge (a water-based sealer, glue, and finish)
- Newspaper sheets (or something similar)
- 2 textbooks or bricks
- Optional: Belt (or something to tighten with)

Summary of Activities

The following information is presented so you can follow along with the images and information that is provided on the slides.

Slide 1-4. Introduce this activity by asking, When you think of the word "desert", what comes to your mind? Let participants share. Remind them that desert is characterized by its high temperatures and low precipitation, however, that doesn't mean a diverse set of plants can't live there. Point out the many types of wildflowers found in the Mojave Desert.

Slide 5-10. Tell participants they are going to make a piece of artwork with a collection of flowers or any plant parts. Follow the steps on the slides to create a plant press at home. Once finished, place your art piece in a frame for all to see!