

*MFAH Rienzi*

## **Family Day in the Gardens**

Create your own Pocket Press

### **Supplies:**

Scrap cardboard boxes  
Scissors  
Pencil  
Ruler  
Watercolor paper or thick cardstock  
2 thick rubber bands

### **Instructions:**

1. Start by measuring and cutting a cardboard box into 6 pieces of 5x7 rectangles.
2. Cut watercolor paper or thick cardstock into 8, 5x7 rectangles.
3. Assemble your press by putting two pieces of paper between each piece of cardboard.
4. Place found leaves or petals in between the two sheets of watercolor paper.
5. Once you've filled your press, carefully pull your rubber bands over each end.
6. Leave materials inside press for 24 hours and carefully remove once dry.
7. Once dried, leaves can be used to create collages or to put into a nature journal.
8. Don't forget to decorate or put your name on your pocket press

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