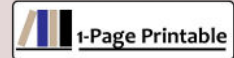


FLOWER PRESS

Handicraft: How to Make a Simple Press



MAKES: 2 PRESSES

YOU WILL NEED

- 1" x 12" x 4' red oak board
- (4) 1/4" x 3" coarse-thread machine bolts
- (4) 1/4"-20 wing nuts
- 8 washers
- Natural wood stain
- Cardboard
- Flowers
- Drill with a 5/32" bit
- Clamps
- Sander or sand paper & blocks
- Foam or painting brush for staining or decorating

DIRECTIONS

1. For each press, measure and cut two identical oak squares from the oak board.
2. Stack the squares and clamp together on a piece of scrap wood. Use a pencil to mark a point 1" in from the corner. Repeat for the remaining three corners. Using a 5/32" drill bit, drill through both boards to ensure a precise fit for the bolts.
3. Sand both boards. Stain, paint or decorate. Let dry.
4. Place washers on the bolts and slide the bolts up through the bottoms of both squares. Test the holes with the bolts – the top board should be easy to move up and down. If not, use the drill to widen the holes slightly on the upper board.
5. *To use:* Layer cardboard, flowers, and paper towels between the boards and tighten down.

NOTES

If the board you're using has a slight cup from edge to edge (it'll rock slightly from side to side on one face), arrange the two cut-to-size boards so the curve faces up on the bottom board and down on the top board. Tightening the four bolts will then add extra pressure to the center.