



## How to mount a pressed plant specimen

1. Trim off any excess leaves (taking care not to remove too many, leaving example of each type) so that the specimen lies flat on the paper.
2. Decide where to position your specimen before mounting - try and fit the whole specimen in the centre of the paper. Try folding a couple of leaves over so you have an example of the front and back.
3. Apply a light layer of PVA glue and water mix (50/50 mix) to the back of your specimen by gently patting with a brush or sponge.
4. Position your specimen and press down gently.
5. Place a piece of paper or card over your mounted specimen, then weight down with beanbags and leave to dry for 5-10 minutes.
6. Using masking tape, cut small strips and apply to areas which may come loose (roots, large stems or below flower heads). This will keep your specimen extra secure.
7. Fill in the information label on the bottom right hand side.
8. Fill in your name and today's date on the 'Mounted by' label.

