



Making Sand Dried Flowers

Sand dried flowers are easily made using flowers and sand from the beach, rivers, streams or cliffs. Flowers can be replaced by other natural plants such as wheat, rice, oats, barley, and so on. The sun dried flowers can be used for cards, candles, dioramas, bouquets and sculptures.

Objectives:

- Teacher will make sand dried flowers using available materials from the environment
- Pupils will gain experience in making sand dried flowers made from local materials in the environment

Materials:

- wooden box about 15cm x 30 cm x 15 cm
- 1 bucket of sand
- white paste
- drinking straws
- pipe cleaners
- green paper
- scissors
- fresh flowers

Directions:

1. Fill the wooden box half-full of sand.
2. Cut the stem of each flower to about 3 cm
3. Push the flower stem into the sand.
4. Sprinkle sand over the flowers – slowly and gently – until the flowers are covered.
5. Put the wooden box in a dry place for about 14 days.
6. After 14 days, tilt the box and pour out the top part of the sand.
7. Lift flowers out gently.
8. Attach flowers to a drinking straw with a thin wire or a pipe cleaner.
9. Cut leaves from green paper and paste to the stem.

Variations:

- Use dried flowers on cards.
- Use dried flowers to decorate candles.
- Use dried flowers for nature sculptures, dioramas or other projects.
- Make a bouquet for a gift or decoration.
- Use wheat, rice or other grains in place of flowers.

