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Materials List for: Turning Flowers into Art with Madeline Gianni

Below are items you will need to purchase before the first class if you'd like to participate in the hands-on element of the course. You most likely will have many of these materials around your home already. Read all of the lists for both classes before you purchase any materials so duplicates aren't bought. There is a list on Amazon with materials you can choose from or find on your own. Please know you can also purchase these materials at any crafts store or on any website you prefer. Should you have any questions about supplies, please feel free to contact the instructor at Calamiacrafts99@hotmail.com

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### **First Class:**

The main materials that will be needed:

- Flower Press (purchase an inexpensive one from Amazon, or any website, some crafts stores may have one.)
- You will need a bouquet of mixed flowers. Grocery store bouquets are fine as long as they look "healthy" and have at least two roses in them (NO lilies). If your garden is in bloom, you can use the flowers that are there to experiment with, including herbs such as sage. Please do not buy expensive flowers for this class, a regular mix bouquet from a grocery store or farmers market will be fine. Try to not get a bouquet with all bulky stems (though a few are fine).
- Pansy Plant
- Floral knife or hand cutter
- A few rubber bands
- Paper towels or rag to clean up any mess
- Pen and paper for notes

\*\*The following materials are **optional** since they can be costly, but will be used in the demonstration for the first class. \*\*

- Vegetable Glycerin AND Food Gel coloring of any color ( will be using moss green or pink, but use whatever color you have at home), a glass container (mason jar works really well or any glass jar you have at home), plastic knife or something that can be used with gel food dye. **(optional)**
- Silica gel (for flower drying which works very well and can be reused many times), one small plastic bin with lid (shoe box size) or a similar plastic container with lid **(optional, but highly recommended)**
- Plastic gloves if you are going to be using the glycerin and silica gel.

## **Second Class:**

The main materials that will be needed:

- Watercolor paper, or other rough, acid-free paper  
Hammer or rubber mallet and a hard work surface (cutting board, slab of wood, etc.) to use the tool on.
- Paper towels or a rag to clean up any mess as you work.
- Tweezers or even a toothpick to help lift pressed flowers with/
- Dried Flowers or Leaves that you have dried from the first class.
- Leaves from trees and plants - red maple leaves, oak, fern (if greens come in your bouquet, use those too!), hydrangea leaf, etc.
- If you were able to keep your pansy plant blooming from the first class, you will need it again. If not, try to purchase another one that is in bloom for the second class. You do NOT need a large plant.
- Floral knife or Hand Cutter
- 3 or 4 Paint colors. Your choice of colors for inexpensive tube or small bottles of paint. One of them should be a metallic color. 1- inch sponge paint brush to use with paint (or any type of paint brush you have at home).
- Liquid glue (Elmer's is fine or even Modge Podge will work) and a 1 inch sponge paint brush to use with glue or an old brush you have at home.

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- Soft Brush – this is only used to brush over the Silica Gel from the flowers. Use a brush you have from home.(Optional)
- Tape to hold down any flower while you paint (Optional)
- Acrylic finishing spray on your final creations on your own time(Optional)
- Canvas, can even reuse a canvas you have(Optional)
- Shadow Box (Highly recommend)
- Wooden Frame