

Instructional
PROJECTS



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FLORAL STUDIO AND GARDENS

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10 TIPS FOR EASY GATHERING

1. Respect the environment.
2. Ask land owners for permission before gathering.
3. Wear proper shoes, long pants, long sleeves, and gloves.
4. Do not over pick an area. Always leave seed for the next season.
5. Gather vines when foliage and fruit have past maturity.
6. Watch your step carefully when blazing trails and beware of snakes.
7. Do not disturb the nest of birds or homes of small creatures.
8. Avoid Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, Nettles, or plants that cause skin reactions.
9. Do not touch face until hands are washed. Shower to remove pollens.
10. Examine yourself for ticks within 24 hours of returning from gathering.

GATHERING TOOLS

GARDEN SCISSORS OR CLIPPERS

These small lightweight pruners are great for cutting delicate stems. They work great for harvesting flowers, herbs, and greens.

SMALL PRUNERS

These are the perfect in-between clipper for taking into the fields. They are small enough to fit comfortably in hand and work great for cutting woody vines with 1/2 inch stems.

SMALL WIRE CUTTERS

These little pliers are appropriate for working with wire and metal materials. They cut quickly with little difficulty and are just the right accompaniment for wreath making.

FEED SACKS

These may be used for gathering pinecones, moss, and small items. They may also serve as a carrying device, like a cradle for firewood, to hold grasses, pine boughs, and clippings.

ROPING & TWINE

Any type of cord or bailer twine may be used to bundle twigs and large branches in the field.

LEATHER GLOVES

These are an absolute must to protect your hands. They work great in all weather conditions and last for a very long time.

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