

Nature's Bookmarks

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I love to press leaves and flowers, but I'm often just left with envelopes full of dried flora. The laminator is the perfect tool for preserving those bits of nature forever. These bookmarks are quick and instead of a quote, you could record the when and where of your natural find.

Supplies:

- Purple Cows Freestyle Cutter Kit
- Purple Cows 2 in 1 Combo Trimmer
- Purple Cows 13" Hot Laminator
- Purple Cows 8"x 8" Hot Pockets
- Purple Cows Deckle Blade #2804 (optional)
- Cardstock
- Rectangle Punch or Hole Punch
- Newsprint
- Dried leaves or flowers (Very flat)
- Chalks
- Dark Pencil
- Glue Stick



1. Using the Purple Cows 2 in 1 Combo Trimmer and straight or deckle blade, cut cardstock to bookmark size. I used 2" x 6" and 2" x 7".
2. Punch or cut a window in the top of the bookmark approx. 1" x 1.5" centered about a half inch from the top and side edges. (If you have no rectangle punch, you can punch a hole in each corner, then cut away the rectangle from the punched holes.)
3. Using chalks, shade the edges of the bookmark and around the opening.
4. Cut a piece of newsprint 1.25" x 3.5" with straight or deckle blade.
5. With your dark pencil, write your quote or note on the newsprint.
6. Crumple newsprint then flatten out; using the chalks, shade/age the newsprint.
7. Glue the newsprint to the bookmark, centering it below the opening.
8. Open an 8" x 8" laminate pouch. Using a little dab of glue stick on the back of the bookmark, place the bookmark on one side of the pouch. Again, with a dab of glue stick place the dried nature bit in the open window of the bookmark. This will keep things in place as you move your pouch to the laminator. Close the pouch. (I usually do several bookmarks at once to make use of the whole pouch. Just make sure there is about 1/4" between items.)
9. Carefully send the bookmark through the laminator.
10. Cut out the bookmarks leave about 1/8" border of laminate around the edge.