

# Craft and Chat: Plant Imprints

## Supplies

- Pottery Clay
- Plaster (gypsum powder)
- Plants
- Rolling pin
- Sandpaper
- Tweezers
- Hammer



- Parchment paper
- Board
- Bucket
- Acrylic paints
- Paint brushes
- Acrylic varnish
- Acrylic sealant



## Instructions (Part 1)

- Roll out the pottery clay into the shape you want (make sure there is at least an inch of clay).
- Arrange plants and press into the clay.
- Lay a sheet of parchment paper over the design, then the board. Using a hammer, pound the plants into the clay to get a deeper impression.
- Remove the plants carefully.



## Instructions (Part 2)

- **Create a boundary for your artwork, using either pottery clay, or a piece of plastic in the shape that you want the border to be. Make sure that it is completely sealed.**
- **Pour in the gypsum powder plaster (1:1 - powder to water). Use a brush to make sure that it permeates all of the crevices from the plant imprints. Let dry according to the directions.**



## Instructions (Part 3)

- **When dry, peel off the pottery clay or the plastic boundary. Brush off excess clay.**
- **If desired, paint on a layer of acrylic varnish, let dry, then paint with acrylic paints. Finish with a coat of acrylic sealant.**

