

# Kids Explore!



## Flower Petal Prints

Save some of summer's color on white fabric scraps.

### Materials

- ◆ Flower petals of various colors, leaves, and berries
- ◆ Scraps of white cotton fabric (old sheets work very well)
- ◆ A rock or hammer for pounding
- ◆ A hard surface for pounding on — a block of scrap wood, pavement, etc.

1. Gather some flower petals of various colors. Gather some leaves and/or berries as well.
2. Cut a piece of white fabric of any size. Your fabric just needs to be big enough to make your picture on.
3. Put a few of your flower petals, leaves,

and/or berries on your hard surface. Arrange them in a pattern or just scatter them randomly!

4. Lay your fabric over the natural materials.
5. Pound with your rock or hammer on your fabric on the spots where the petals, leaves, and berries are underneath. Can you see the color stains coming through?
6. Add more plant materials under your fabric. You can make designs or actually try to "print" the shape of whole flowers.
7. Try pounding different materials. Which make the brightest stains? Are the stains always the

same color as the original plants?

8. Hang your creation where others can enjoy it. Try a window where the sun shines through!

*\* Note -- Some stains may come out if you wash your fabric.*

