

# PRESERVE AUTUMN LEAVES

## Glycerin Method

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Glycerin
- Water
- Flat pan or disposable plates
- Leaves
- A weight or something to keep leaves submerged

*There are many methods to preserving leaves. One method is to put them into a glycerin/water solution. This will preserve your leaves yet leave them relatively flexible. This preserving method works because the natural moisture present in the leaves is replaced by the glycerin solution, maintaining the leaf's texture and form.*

### WHAT YOU DO:

1. Mix the glycerin and water so that it is one part glycerin and two parts water. You only need enough to submerge the leaves — about one cup.
2. Pour the solution into a flat pan, place the leaves in the solution, and then put the weight on the leaves to keep them submerged.
3. Keep the leaves submerged in the solution for 2-6 days.
4. Dry the leaves gently with a paper towel. They should feel soft and pliable.

**TIP**



*Try using two Styrofoam or other disposable plates. Put leaves and enough glycerin solution to just lightly cover the leaves in the bottom of one plate. Then put the other plate on top of the leaves and solution. Now you can put a weight on the top plate without getting the weight in the solution.*