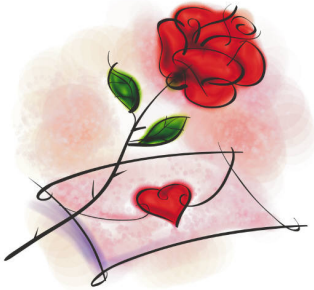


Decorating With Dried Rose Petals



Since receiving my first rose waaaaay back in high school, I have enjoyed drying the petals and then just putting a bunch in a container. I've used various baskets, ceramic, and glass containers in the past. Not only do they smell great, but they also look really cool in a glass container - even if it's just a plain glass tumbler. (Flea markets and yard sales make great places to pick up inexpensive and neat-looking containers. And don't forget to look in your own cabinets, first!)

As I look around just this one room, I notice that I have several different containers of rose petals. I also have a couple of small glasses in my office, with petals in them and a few "stray" petals scattered on a shelf.

The trick to using rose petals like this is to be sure that they are completely dried. Otherwise, the petals will mold. (I went through this quite a few times before I learned to be patient enough.) When the roses start wilting, I spread my rose petals on an old cookie sheet and just set them out for several days until they are crinkly.

It's fun to mix petal colors (and scents) from different roses. I've also added other dried flowers at times to my containers to provide contrasting colors/shapes. The petals are also nice for putting into sachets or just sprinkling among your clothes/towels/sheets, in a drawer, or on a shelf.

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