

# Limu Pressing - How to make your own marine algal specimen

## MATERIALS

- Pan with saltwater
- Herbarium Paper
- Blotter Paper
- Waxed paper (cut into pieces to fit the herbarium paper)
- Newspaper
- Pieces of corrugated cardboard
- Heavy weights

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Collect limu from the papa (reef flat) for your limu pressing. Properly collect the limu by pinching the limu from the papa, do not pull out the limu hold fast.
2. Bring limu home in fresh saltwater.
3. Fill a pan with clean saltwater (about 1/2 inch deep).
4. Select limu to be used for your limu pressing.
5. Place the limu into the pan of saltwater.
6. Put herbarium paper in the saltwater, under the limu.
7. Float the limu onto where you want on the herbarium paper. You can spread, trim, and arrange limu to your liking.
8. Gently lift herbarium paper from saltwater with the arranged limu.
9. Drain carefully as much water as possible from the paper without disturbing your arrangement.
10. Place a piece of waxed paper over the limu.
11. Place a blotter paper over the waxed paper and under the limu pressing making a "sandwich".
12. Sandwich all the papers into a folded newspaper layer.
13. Place corrugated cardboard over the top and bottom of the newspaper layer, creating a stack.
14. Add heavy weights to the top of the stack and store in a cool, dry place.
15. Check stack after 24 hours. Newspaper, blotter paper, and cardboard may need to be changed to prevent mold forming on limu pressing.
16. After 2 days, remove wax paper from the limu pressing. Change blotter paper and newspaper if needed.
17. After 3-4 days, remove the limu pressing from the layered newspaper and blotting paper.
18. Enjoy your limu pressing artwork - frame it, share it!