

Destination Wedding Drying Kit Guide

Dried flowers are the perfect way to add a little something extra to your craft projects whatever the occasion. Our Destination Wedding Drying Kit is the perfect solution for preserving your flowers for use in the future. This step-by-step guide will show you exactly how to package your flowers in silica ready for us to preserve.

This guide is specifically designed for our Destination Wedding Drying Kit and will enable you to bring your flowers back in one piece without wilting and dying. Please ensure that you have ordered the items you would like us to make along with the Destination Wedding Drying Kit. Flower Preservation is a great way to capture a moment in time forever.

How Many Flowers Are Needed?

The number of flowers you will need to pack will all depend on what items you have decided to have made from your flowers. Some items may not need as many flowers as others. Below is a rough guide on how many flowers you will need for each individual item. Please refer to the item descriptions as this will also have information on how many flowers you will need to pack.

Resin Coasters and Trays

For [resin coasters](#), you will need a minimum of 1 large flower head (such as a rose) or 2 smaller flower heads (miniature roses) per coaster. You will also need some foliage and fillers if you would like to include these in your coasters.

The [resin trays](#) will need 4-5 large flower heads such as roses and a few smaller flowers such as Lisianthus.



Resin Jewellery

Most of our [resin jewellery](#) will only need petals to create stunning pieces. However, if you are unsure, you are more than welcome to send us whole flowers. You can send us a selection of 1 flower of each colour to make sure we have included all your colours and flowers in each piece of jewellery.



Ornaments and Paperweights

Depending on the size of the [ornament or paperweight](#), each item will only use a handful of flowers plus some filler and foliage per item. 5-8 flower heads –a mixture of both big and small– are normally sufficient and tend to leave a few spares. Always remember, this is based on per item so make sure you have enough flowers for each item you order.



Larger Blocks and Cubes

The larger blocks and cubes will need a greater number of flowers. The best thing to do would be to fill the box with as many flowers as you can fit in the kit provided.

Make sure you include some fillers and foliage too.



3D Box Frames

For the [3D Wedding Shadow Box Frame](#) or the [3D Sympathy Flower Bereavement Memory Box Frame](#), you will need as many flowers as you can fit in the kit so we can replicate your arrangement. Follow the instructions in the kit to make sure you have utilised the space to its full potential.



How to Press Your Flowers

There are a few items which will need you to press your flowers as they are thinner and need flatter flowers. These items are trinket dishes, coasters, trays, handbags and cake stand.

1. Gently peel the petals open layer by layer and slowly you will start to see the centre of the flower. Once it is completely open, you can pull out any excess from the centre of the rose to ensure it is flat.



2. Ensure the flower can sit flat on the palm of your hand. Once it is flat, place it face down in the silica. Make sure there are no folds in any of the petals.



3. Press the flower down very lightly, making sure it is all flat, and pour the silica on top to ensure the flower is secure for transit and still sitting flat.



Packaging Your Flowers – 3D Guide

The following instructions are for all items that will be made out of your flowers as they are in 3D form.

1. Trim your flower at the stem, keeping around 1cm of stem attached to the flower head. There is no need to keep more stems as the flowers need to be completely covered in silica. For box frames, make sure you add the stems at the top of the box as we will be adding them.



2. Once this is in place, you can start adding your flowers. You can place your flowers next to each other, utilising all the space you have, adding smaller blooms in between.



3. Starting at the edges, work your way in to completely cover all the flowers in silica. Make sure no flowers are showing. If you have space and need more flowers, you can add a second layer, repeating the process.



4. Add the foliage and any stems on top of the last layer. Once everything is in and secure, you can close the box. Make sure none of the contents are able to move and everything is extremely secure for transit.



Posting Your Flowers to Us

1. Sellotape the lid down to ensure it can't open and become damaged. Make sure you add a note or label to the box with your name, telephone number and order number.

2. Now you're ready to send the flowers back to us!

Please post your flowers to:

Sals Forever Flowers, 14 Severn Drive, Dothill, TF1 3LQ.

Note: please contact us before placing your order.