



## **1** Gather your supplies:

- plain Knox Gelatine
- edged baking sheets
- measuring cup
- printmaking brayer
- printmaking ink
- paper cut to fit the baking sheet



## 2 Mix & Pour

For each tray mix 8 gelatine packets to 4 cups of water. Start by boiling 2 cups of water. While you are waiting for the water to boil (as we know, a watched pot never boils) mix all 8 packets with 2 cups of room temperature water. Now add the boiling water and stir. Pour the mixture into the pan and allow it to set. Once it sets put the pan in the refrigerator to harden overnight.



### **3** Pick Your Print

Collect leaves, stems and flowers that have a bold or interesting outline. Try to steer clear of sharp edges that can cut into the gelatin and cause the ink to bleed. The flatter and more textured the profile, the better.



## 4 Get Rollin'

Roll a thin layer of printmaking ink onto the surface of the hardened gelatine. The thinner the layer the more detailed the print.



## 5 The Layout

Arrange the plants (or objects of your choice) on the top of the ink. This is the time where your artistic hand comes to play. You can spread each piece out or have them huddled like a bouquet; it's your choice!



## 6 Paper Placement

Carefully place a piece of paper on top of the plants you've arranged. Gently smooth it out to make sure that the whole piece of paper makes contact with the gelatine. Do this slowly as to not slide the paper around.



## 7 Pick It Up

Slowly, lift the paper up and off of the gelatine. Start at a corner and pull back completely.



## 8 Peel and Reveal

Carefully peel the plants off of the gelatine to reveal the ink that was trapped under them. This will become a more detailed print!



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## **Positively Amazing**

Repeat steps 6 and 7 with another piece of paper. Place it on top of the gelatine and smooth it out. When you lift the paper the leftover ink from the leaves will leave you with a magnificent positive print.