

The Blue Box Journal

Ep. 4

The Fern Specimen Card

A simple botanical card using pressed flowers, basic punches and a little handwritten note. This piece can tuck into your journal or a pocket.



Supplies

- * Specimen card (printable or from your kit)
- * Pressed flowers or fern (real or printed)
- * Paper punches – circle, square, scallop, or tag
- * Paper scraps for layers and labels
- * Glue or double-sided tape
- * Pen for handwritten notes
- * Optional: ink, tea/coffee dye, fabric or ribbon, brad, staple, or tiny clip

Punch Ideas



Use any punches you have. A circle, square or scallop punch works perfectly for a window, label or tag.

1. Choose Your Card



Use a specimen card from your kit or journal supplies. Lightly ink or tea dye the edges if desired.

2. Punch a Window or Tag



Use a circle, square or scallop punch to create a window, label or tag. Save the punched piece to use as an embellishment.

3. Add Your Specimen



Place a pressed fern or flower behind the window or directly on the card. Secure with a small piece of tape or glue.

4. Add Layers & Labels



Use scraps, punched shapes or tags to add a title and details. You can layer with paper, fabric, or a small brad.

5. Write a Note



Add a short handwritten observation. Include the date, location or anything special about the specimen.

6. Tuck It In



Slide your finished card into a pocket, tuck, or envelope in your Blue Box Journal.

Word Ideas for Your Label

Specimen No. 041

Collected after the Great Rain

Rose Hollow

October 1893

Found near the garden wall

Pressed for safekeeping