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Preserving Leaves with Glycerin

Today on Gardening in a Minute: preserving leaves with glycerin.

You can bring the beauty of your garden indoors by gathering leaves and preserving them with glycerin.

Start by cutting off a small branch that has blemish-free leaves.

Combine one cup glycerin with two and a half cups hot water and mix well. Then add a half teaspoon of powdered citric acid.

Place the stems into the solution and leave them to soak. Then remove them and let them dry for several weeks.

The preserved leaves will be pliable but won't necessarily retain all of their color. You can add dye to the glycerin mix to enhance their color.

Create a cluster of leaves to use as a centerpiece, or string them into a decorative garland to grace a doorway.

With preserved leaves, the creative possibilities are endless!

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