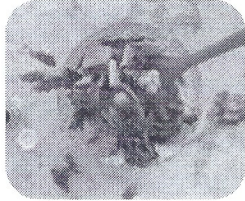


Making homemade potpourri involves two simple steps: completely drying your choice of flowers, fruits, and spices, and combining them with essential oils and a fixative to lock in the aroma. It is a highly customizable craft perfect for decorating your living space or giving as a beautiful gift.  [A Beautiful Mess](#) +2

1. Gather & Prepare Your Ingredients

- **Flowers:** Scented roses, lavender, chamomile, and calendula.
- **Spices (Natural Fixatives):** Cinnamon sticks, whole cloves, star anise, and allspice.
- **Fruits:** Thinly sliced oranges, lemons, apples, or citrus peels.
- **Fixatives (Essential):** Orris root powder or cellulose (helps the scent last for months).
- **Fragrance:** Essential oils or perfume oils (e.g., rose, lavender, or cedar). [A Beautiful Mess](#) +5

2. Dry the Ingredients

Fresh materials will mold if not completely dried out. [A Beautiful Mess](#)

- **Oven Method (Fast):** Arrange petals and sliced fruits in a single layer on parchment-lined baking sheets. Bake at the lowest temperature possible (around 200 F to 250 F) for 1 to 3 hours, checking frequently until brittle. [A Beautiful Mess](#) +1
- **Air Dry (Slow):** Lay petals, leaves, and whole spices flat on a wire rack or screen in a warm, dry, and dark room for 2 to 3 days, or bundle and hang flowers upside down for 2 to 3 weeks. [YouTube · Gardening Dream](#) +2

3. Mix and Scent

- Place 4 cups of your completely dried flowers and fruits into a large glass mixing bowl.
- Add in whole spices (these add texture and act as natural scent preservers).
- In a small separate dish, mix 1 to 2 tablespoons of orris root powder with 15–20 drops of your chosen essential oil.
- Pour the fixative-oil mixture over your dried flowers and toss everything gently with a wooden spoon. [YouTube · Gardening Dream](#)

4. Cure and Display

How to Make Your Own Potpourri at Home

If you want to assemble a traditional dry potpourri mix yourself, follow these basic steps: [1]

1. **Dry the materials:** Spread plant materials like flower petals, herbs, or citrus slices on a paper towel, cookie sheet, or drying rack.
2. **Combine in a bowl:** Mix the dried items together in a large container.
3. **Add a fixative:** Use a natural fixative like orris root or dried lavender to help lock in and preserve the fragrance.
4. **Scent with oils:** Add a few drops of a compatible essential oil and gently stir or shake the mixture.
5. **Age the mixture:** Seal the potpourri in a glass jar, store it in a cool and dry place, and shake it daily for at least a month before displaying. [1, 2]