



RESOURCES

Dried and preserved flowers have never been more popular, with increasing use in a range of disciplines – not just flower arranging and floral art, but making candles, jewellery and even greetings cards. That's great news for the flowers-on-tulle embroidery enthusiast as it means finding dried flowers has never been easier. They're ubiquitous online, and it's increasingly common to see them in florists, homeware and department stores, and even some supermarkets.

If you're struggling to find any in your area, try marketplaces such as [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com) and [folksy.com](https://www.folksy.com). You can often find a wide range of options, with many sellers offering international delivery and small or mixed quantities so you don't end up having to order more than you'll be able to use.

If ordering online, always read the description of the flower – it should say if it has been dried or preserved or stabilized. But look at the pictures, too – I've found that some smaller-scale sellers occasionally get confused and use the wrong name to describe what they're selling. If you're looking for something in particular, google both the common and Latin names (see the list on page 158). When searching for seeds, in particular, I'm more confident searching by the Latin name.

If you're foraging, you may want to use a plant recognition app. There are some free ones, such as [plantnet.org](https://www.plantnet.org), and some paid-for options. I haven't found any that are completely infallible, so use them as a starting point for further

research. Here are some other online resources I've had good experiences with in the UK – in brackets I've picked out a similar site in the US, though I haven't used them myself. I'm sure some online research will reveal plenty of good alternatives whichever country you're in:

For **embroidery and quilting hoops**, debscrossstitch.co.uk (createandcraft.com)

For **ready-assembled canvas frames**, easyframe.co.uk (usaoncanvas.com)

For **lampshade parts**, dannells.com (lampshop.com)

For **thick wool felt**, woolfeltcompany.co.uk (achildsdream.com)

For **custom-cutting ply frames**, craftshapes.co.uk (woodcrafter.com)

For **fairy lights**, lights4fun.co.uk (christmaslightsetc.com)

And for everything else – clamps, tweezers, embroidery scissors, silica gel, clock mechanisms, and so on – I can usually find what I'm looking for on **eBay**.

Finally, don't forget that the printable templates you need to complete some of the projects in this book can be found at www.hardiegrant.com/uk/quadrille/driedflowerembroidery.