

DRYING LAVENDER

Divide the lavender into bunches about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch to an inch in diameter. Strip the leaves from the stems. Follow one of two drying methods:

1. Using a rubber band, secure the stems together at the cut end. Using an open paperclip, attach the rubber band to a clothes hanger or other hanging device.
2. Adjust the flower heads to the same height. Using raffia twine, tie at the base of the flower heads then wrap twine around the stems and tie off at cut end. Trim cut end stems even. Hang by paperclip method above.

Hang in a dark, dry room with adequate ventilation. This method will retain the bud color and prevent mold.

Drying can take about two weeks or more. Check a few flowers to make sure the stems snap completely when broken. If not, the bunches will need to dry a little longer.

Once dried, put the bundle in a vase or strip the buds from the stems to make your own sachets.

