

Making Seed Bombs

A seed bomb is a small ball of compost, clay and wildflower seeds that you can throw into unloved patches of earth to germinate new grasses and flowers. You can also use them to create a small wildflower area in your own garden or crumble them into a pot to keep on your windowsill.



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Instructions: take one full measuring cup of compost and add it to your bowl. Add half a measuring cup of fine clay powder, followed by 2 teaspoons of a native wildflower seed mix. Stir all your dry ingredients together.



Now mix in a little water, bit by bit, taking care not to make a sloppy mud bath! Stir it all together to make a sticky paste.



Why use UK native seed mixes? Wildflowers that are native to the UK are from the UK and have a good relationship with our environment and the other plants and animals that live here. They are not invasive and will provide useful habitat and food to insects, birds and other animals.

What you will need: peat-free compost, fine clay powder, UK native wildflower seed mix, water, egg box (to keep them in), bowl and spoon for mixing, small measuring cup.



Now for the mucky part:

Use your spoon to push all the ingredients together into a ball and put it in your hands. Using both your hands, roll your seed, compost, clay mix into one giant seed bomb, or divide it into 4 smaller seed bombs.



A good way to dry and transport your seed bombs is to put them into a cardboard egg box and close the lid. The best time to throw and plant is in the Autumn or Spring, just before some rain is due to fall.

Cheering up a local tree pit:



There is usually nothing growing at the bottom of street trees. You can make these patches much more colourful and friendly to pollinators if you spread your seed bombs here.