



Wildflower Seed Bombs

Bees are a very important part of every food chain because they are pollinators! All plant-eating animals (that's us!) need pollination to grow the food we eat. Unfortunately, bee populations are on the decline around the world. You can help bees by attracting them with plants to pollinate and providing a safe place for them to nest. Use the instructions below to create seed bombs (also called bee bombs), as a super fun way to grow wildflowers. Not only will they give bees places to pollinate, they'll add extra colour to your garden!

Materials: Potting soil, pottery clay, native wildflower or plant seeds, water, large bowl, tray or plate to dry seed balls

Directions:

Tip:

Instead of pottery clay, you can use fresh, plain clay cat litter!



- 1** Mix five-parts clay with three-parts compost or soil and one-part native wildflower or plant seeds.
- 2** Add water (up to two parts but not too much!) until it just starts to stick together.
- 3** Here's where it starts to get messy! Using your hands, knead the mixture into a big ball, making sure the seeds are evenly mixed so you don't end up with too many in one spot. The ball should hold together easily. If it's too crumbly, add more water.
- 4** Pull off small pieces to roll and shape into your golf ball-sized "bombs." Place them on a tray or plate in a shady place to dry for a few hours (up to two days) before sowing or storing. If you're not using them right away, store them in a cardboard box.
- 5** Now for the best part! Choose where to "drop" your seed bombs. Keep in mind that wildflowers grow best in places where they get both sunlight and rain. You could launch them into an open meadow, ditch or at the forest's edge (leave other people's gardens and public parks off-limits). Or pop them in your own garden or flowerpots where you can check on them as much as you like! It could be weeks before anything blooms. But when it happens, expect the bees to come a-buzzin'!



Help bees stay safe!



To make your backyard even more bee-friendly, check out our [Bee Watering Station](#) activity!



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