

How to: make seedbombs

Seedbombs are perfect for planting flowers, grasses and other plants in places that are hard to reach and are a great way to make gardening fun.

Seedbombs have been a staple of the guerrilla gardening movement which started in poorer New York neighbourhoods in the 1930s. Guerrilla gardening involves reclaiming unused and uncared for spaces using the power of plants and flowers to lift the appearance of the space and encourage insects and animals to return to the area. Now we're not advocating waging war on your neighbour's front garden, so pick your spot carefully!

Tools/Materials

- 1 handful of compost
- 1 handful of wildflower or grass seed
- 5 handfuls of powder clay
- A large bowl or bucket
- An apron and something to protect the worksurface – making seedbombs can get quite messy!
- An egg box to protect your seedbombs from premature explosions!



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Instructions to make seedbombs

1. Mix up all the dry ingredients in a bowl, bucket or old ice cream carton.
2. Gently add water a little sprinkle at a time, until the mixture starts to clump together.
3. Gently knead the mixture until it forms one smooth ball and doesn't stick to your hands too much.
4. Break off pieces of the mixture about the size of a ping pong ball and roll them gently.
5. Leave to air dry for 24 hours.
6. Choose your spot and launch those seedbombs!



Tips/ideas

- Wild flowers are great for attracting bees, butterflies and other insects. For seedbombs, any seeds will work but look out for native species like oxeye daisy, corn cockle, cornflower and field poppy.
- You could try making salad seedbombs, grass seedbombs or choosing mixtures of wild flowers which attract bees, butterflies or birds.
- There has been a steep decline in the UK's bee population over the last five years. Help them out by making seedbombs to grow flowers bees love. Wild foxglove, snapdragon, fennel, lavender and heathers are irresistible to bees.
- Try experimenting with different ways of shaping and decorating the mixture. Silicone ice cube and jelly moulds come in all kinds of shapes, and you could press extra seeds on to the outside, or make your signature mark in the clay.



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