



DIY Seed Ball

Take Action for Earth! Plant native wildflowers to support pollinators in your neighborhood or backyard. Encasing seeds in clay and soil protects them, especially from hungry animals. Seed balls offer an easy and fun, no-till planting method.

MATERIALS

MIXTURE

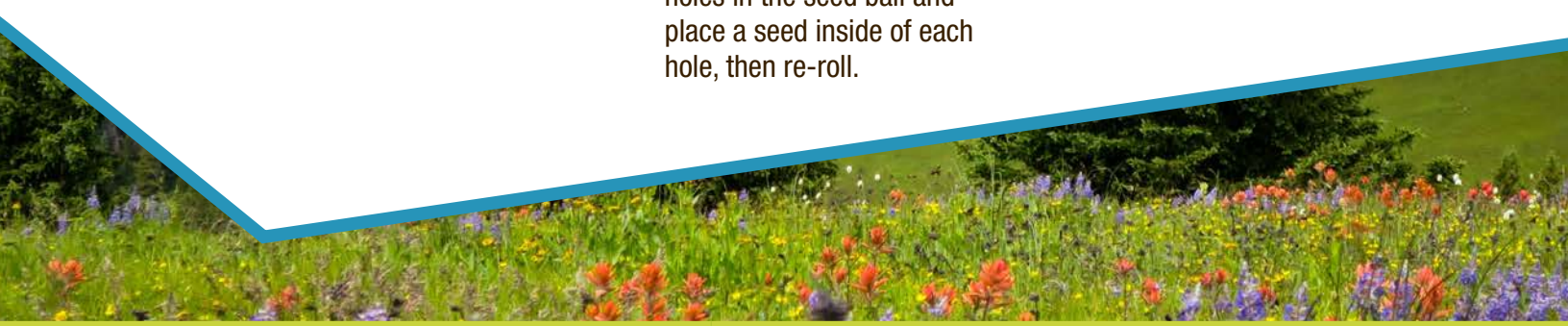
Makes 1 seed ball

- 2 spoonfuls of potting soil
- 3 spoonfuls of clay only cat litter
- Water in spray bottle
- 5-7 native seeds
- Cup
- Popsicle stick

Only use native plant seeds. Spreading exotic or invasive seeds could harm the natural environment. Consult the local nursery for native seed mixes.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 MIX SOIL IN A CONTAINER**
2 spoonfuls of potting soil
3 spoonfuls of clay pieces
- 2 MIX WITH WATER**
Using a spray bottle, squirt enough water until the mixture sticks together, forming a ball.
Hint: if ball is too wet, add more soil or clay
- 3 ADD SEEDS AND RE-ROLL**
Using finger, poke 5 to 7 small holes in the seed ball and place a seed inside of each hole, then re-roll.
- 4 TAKE HOME AND LET DRY**
Take seed ball home, and let dry for a day before planting.
- 5 WASH HANDS**
Please pre-rinse hands in the bucket of water before washing in the sink.





MAKE A BATCH OF SEED BALLS AT HOME

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Makes 12-16 seed balls:

1 cup potting soil

1 ½ cups clay-only cat litter

¾ cups water

About 60 native wildflower seeds

Mixing spoon or stick

Cardboard egg carton (optional)

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 MIX IN BOWL**
Potting soil, clay only cat litter, and seeds.
- 2 MOISTEN THE MIXTURE**
Pour water evenly over mixture.
- 3 STIR**
Stir until moist (not runny) mixture clumps together.
- 4 MAKE BALL**
Compact one handful of mixture to form a ball and repeat until all mixture is gone.
- 5 LET DRY**
Allow seed balls to dry in egg carton or flat container, for a day before planting.
- 6 PLANT SEED BALL**
Plant in spring depending on climate. Place seed ball in bare soil that receives sunlight and rain. Push seed ball halfway into soil (if planting more than one seed ball, place 6-12 inches apart).

