

## Seedbombs

**Let's create!** Have you ever noticed the wildflowers in your neighborhood? Maybe they grow between the cracks of the sidewalks, or next to a lone tree, or maybe even stretched out in a big field. Wildflowers are flowers that grow that weren't planted on purpose. Wildflowers are an important part of the ecosystem because they can help create a thriving habitat for pollinators like bees and birds, support soil health, and help to prevent erosion. We can support wildflower growth by making our own seed bombs! Seed bombs are little balls made of clay and soil and packed with wildflower seeds. When you toss a seed bomb into a patch of earth, it will slowly breakdown and the seeds will plant themselves, taking root and sprouting a blanket of new wildflowers to help out the bugs and birds and environment. Let's get making!



### How-to video

[https://youtu.be/y7SIR\\_WpEc4](https://youtu.be/y7SIR_WpEc4)

### Materials:

- **Wildflower seeds**
- **Clay**
- **Soil**
- **A big old mixing bowl or tub you don't mind getting dirty**
- **Water**
- **An old spoon**
- **Something to store your seed bombs**

### Steps:

1. **Research!** What wildflowers are native to your area? Wildflowers that are native to your area are best suited to grow and thrive, so it's helpful to do a little research beforehand to see what types of flowers grow best where you live! That way you'll be more likely to see the results of your work!



- 2. Prep your space.** This project can be MESSY. If you have a safe outdoor space to work, that might be best, but if not that's okay! In the video, Kelsey spread out some old paper bags, but you can use an old sheet or towel to help contain the mess and keep the soil in your seed bombs.
- 3. Mix clay and soil.** In an old bowl or plastic tub, mix together equal parts of clay and soil. Use some water to help glue the two together and keep everything moist. The clay will retain moisture, which helps the seeds to germinate, while the soil will help anchor the roots and give the seeds some much-needed nutrients.
- 4. Add in seeds and form balls.** Once the clay and soil are fully mixed together, form into a rough ball. Poke a few holes into your ball and drop a few seeds in each hole. Then roll the ball in between your hands really well so the seeds are fully incorporated.
- 5. Toss!** On your next walk, bring along a seed bomb and toss it into a public area you think could use an explosion of wildflowers! Maybe you could even gift some seed bombs to friends to cover more ground!

### Going Further:

Take note of where you toss your seedbombs and check in on them! You can even utilize your observation journal to write and draw the differences you see day to day or week to week!