Seed Bombs



Inspired by the GRAFT Garden at National Waterfront Museum? Seed bombs are a great way to spread flowers and brighten up your garden. They are quick, simple and lots of fun to make.

You will need

- Air-drying (potter's) clay
- Compost
- Seeds

- Water
- Egg carton or other container

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Instructions:

- 1. First you need some clay. You can make the bombs any size you like, but smaller ones work best. A piece of clay roughly one inch in diameter works well.
- Add equal amounts of soil and seeds to the clay.
 You're aiming for a ratio of around 5 parts clay to 1-2 parts soil and 1-2 parts seed.
- Use your fingers to squash everything together so that the seeds and soil are distributed throughout the clay. If the mixture is crumbly then add a few drops of water.



- 4. Roll clay into ball (or whatever shape you like) and you have yourself a seed bomb!
- Find somewhere to store them. Old egg boxes make great containers.
- 6. The next step is to allow the seed bombs to dry. You need to do this for at least 24 hours, either next to a window or in a dry outdoors area such as a garden shed.

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- 7. Now you need to decide where to throw your seed bomb!

 For best results, find somewhere in your garden that gets a lot of sun. It works best if the bombs land on disturbed soil.
- 8. If you'd prefer you can plant them in plant pots (one bomb per pot) or in a window box (up to four per box). There is no need to bury them under soil, just sit them on the surface.
- 9. Don't forget to water your plants! You should start to see seedlings after roughly two weeks



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