

How to make Wildflower Seed Bombs

This is a simple, fun and easy activity for both children and adults.

You can incorporate maths into the activity, halves, quarters, counting, measuring or use the activity to identify seeds, flowers, and insects.

To make 15 – 20 wildflower seed bombs you will need

Wildflower seeds - approx 50g

Air drying clay - approx 1kg

2 tea cups of compost or soil

Plastic knife for cutting

Rolling pin

A baking tray for drying the seed bombs

Apron



Method – you can adapt this method to suit ability, you could also create different clay shapes with pastry cutters.

1. Form a tennis ball size of clay and roll it out into a disc, about the size of a small plate.

2. Scatter $\frac{1}{2}$ a cupful of compost and a generous amount of seeds over the clay.

3. Squeeze, roll and manipulate the clay until all the compost and seeds are mixed thoroughly and evenly throughout.



(We added a handful of dried flower petals to ours to add texture and interest)

4. Roll the clay into a long sausage about 1½ cm in diameter.

5. Cut along the sausage shape into small pieces. Roll into small balls, aim to get a Malteser size ball.

6. Leave to dry in a warm and airy place for at least 2 weeks until the seed bombs have dried out.

They should feel very hard when completely dry.

When they have dried they are ready to plant out or can be stored. **Please ensure the seed bombs are kept stored in a safe place away from small children and pets.**

The best time to plant out is in spring after the frost has passed about 2 cm deep into pots or soil. The clay helps to protect the seeds from birds, the clay will slowly dissolve into the soil leaving the sprouting seeds.

We gave ours away as gifts. See below some of the beautiful flowers our batch produced this summer!



