

Seed bombs

A seed bomb is a ball made of compost mixed with flour and water into which seeds have been embedded.

Once the bomb has been thrown and the seeds have begun to germinate the bomb will slowly break apart.

The soil will then provide a base for the seeds to start growing.

April to June is the time for seed bomb making!



How to Make Seed Bombs

You will need:

1 tub of your chosen variety of flower seeds

General purpose compost

Flour

Water

Method:

1. Empty the seed tub into a bucket.
2. Fill the empty seed tub with compost and add to the bucket. Do this 3 times. Stir to mix seeds and compost together.
3. Fill the empty seed tub with flour and empty into another container. Add water and stir. Add sufficient water to create a loose mixture (double cream consistency).
4. Add the flour and water mix to the compost and seed mix.
5. Now the bombs can be formed. Using your hands create individual golf-ball sized seed bombs.
6. Place the balls in a tray/egg box and allow them to dry for 24 hours.



Tips for Success!

Ideally, seed bombs should be used soon after making but can be stored for no more than two weeks.

If you are concerned that birds will eat the seeds, then add a little paprika to the mix. It won't hurt them, but they don't like it!

In winter, when they need some help, the birds will appreciate some seed bombs containing bird seed.

