

# WILDFLOWER SEED BALLS

*Follow these step-by-step instructions to make your own!*

Supplies: clay (red potter's or air-dry terra cotta), soil/compost, wildflower seeds (research what is native to your area), cup or bowl with water, newspaper or tray, gloves (optional)

Step One: Separate clay into balls no bigger than a ping pong ball. Flatten your first one out into a shallow bowl shape.

Step Two: Add soil to your flattened out clay and begin to incorporate by folding the soil into the clay. Add more soil as you go. You want 1 part clay with 4 to 5 parts soil. Add a little water if it starts to dry out. You want your mixture to be dough-like.

Step Three: Form the dough back into a ball. Press a hole into the middle and place 3 or 4 seeds into it. Close up the hole. Lay the balls out on newspaper or a tray to air dry.

Step Four: When seed balls are complete, scatter them on open ground. The clay and soil shell will protect the seeds from birds while providing needed moisture for them to sprout. Watch your wildflowers grow!

Note: We used marigold seeds when making our example because that is what we had available (waste not). We highly recommend using native wildflower seeds for your seed balls. Wildflowers support pollinators and other native wildlife.

