



Rewilding the Community w/ Seed Balls

Materials: 5 Parts Powdered Clay, 2-3 Parts Compost/Soil, and 1 Part Seeds

Step 1: Mix all ingredients together, very well.

Step 2: Add small amounts of water to the mixture until a cookie dough texture forms.

Step 3: Roll the materials into balls no larger than a quarter.

Step 4: Place the balls in a sunny spot to dry. Once the balls are hardened, you can store them.

What are Seed Balls?

Small balls created from clay, compost/soil, and seeds as a great way to plant flowers for our pollinators and increase the biodiversity in our area. The planting technique dates back to ancient Egypt after the Nile flooded the land; Japan makes these as well, called Earth dumplings.

Why Compost?

Compost provides nutrients for the seedling that germinates from the seed ball, and holds moisture from the rain. You can use potting soil instead of compost, or a mixture of both.

Why Clay?

The clay does many things including helping to buffer the intense chemistry of the compost, to prevent the seeds from getting eaten by predators like birds/rats, and serves to bind the seed balls together without being blown away. Red or brown clay can be used, but red stains more. You can find natural sources right here in Colorado.

How many seeds are in each ball?

A small ratio of seeds will be in each ball. Too many seeds in the ball will overcrowd the plants and inhibit germination. You can pre-roll the seed balls and place larger seeds inside as an alternate method.

How do you plant the seed balls?

Plant by placing balls in a bare spot in the ground, or in a pot on a patio, or just throw out around areas you know will not be mowed or sprayed with harmful chemicals like pesticides.

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