

Seedbombs



Seedbombs (or seedballs) provide an easy way of sowing plants. The small balls are made of soil, clay powder and seeds, and can be thrown on the ground, where they provide everything to sprout for the plants and then desintegrate slowly.

The mix of soil and clay protects the seeds from drying out, blowing away and feeding on animals.

What you need

- Seeds (domestic and non toxic varieties)
- potting soil
- red or brown clay powder, alternatively healing earth from the pharmacy
- water
- bowl for mixing

Guerilla Gardening

Seedbombs were developed in the context of the guerilla gardening movement. This social movement began in the 1970ies mainly in US cities. Guerilla gardening aimed at reclaiming abandoned spaces as public spheres, making them useful for the local communities. Today the movement has spread all over the world, creating neighborhood gardens, reactivating neglected urban spaces and creating communities.

Production

- 10% water
- 10 % seeds
- 30 % soil
- 50% clay powder

1. Create seed mixture.
2. Mix seed mixture with soil.
3. Add clay powder.
4. Gradually add water. The mix should not become muddy, if so - just add more soil and clay powder.
5. Form nut-sized balls with the palms of your hands.
6. Lay out the seedballs for 1-2 days to dry.

Sowing

You can then throw the dried seedballs to the ground, or put them into pots at home. For covering a surface you need approx. 10 balls per m2. Drop by every once a while to watch the plants growing, maybe you want to water the balls, or else just wait for the next rain.

Storage

You can store seedbombs in a cool and dry place for several weeks. Never store them in closed containers or plastic bags as they become moldy.