



Project Idea: Create Seed Balls

Recommended for Step 3: Create for good, Choice 3: Make for the outdoors

Setup: A seed ball is a ball made of soil that has seeds in it. It's an easy way for people to plant seeds. You can drop a ball wherever you want plants to grow.

Materials needed:

- 2 parts potting soil
- 5 parts pottery clay mix (can be found at an art store or online)
- 2 parts water
- 1-2 parts native plant seeds for your area
- Large tub to mix ingredients
- Large box to dry and store seed balls

Activity:

1. Mix the soil, clay, and 1 part water thoroughly. There should be no lumps.
2. Slowly add more water until the mixture is the consistency of the modeling clay.
3. Add seeds, kneading the dough until the seeds are well mixed in. Add more water if necessary.
4. Take small bits of the mixture and roll them into balls about 1 inch in diameter (across). The balls should hold together easily. If they're crumbly, add more water.
5. Dry the seed balls for 24–48 hours in a shady place before sowing or storing. They store best in a cardboard box. Do not use plastic bags.

