

A STEM in the Park

Take Home Activity

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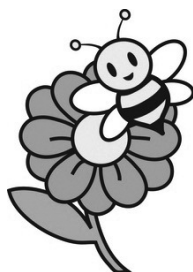
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Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Seed Bombs for Pollinators

What You Need

- Seeds that attract pollinators (or just about any type of seed you would like to grow)
- Natural clay
- Potting soil or compost
- Waxed paper
- A sink with running water or wipes for your hands



What To Do

1. Pinch off a bouncy ball-sized piece of clay.
2. Use your fingers to flatten it out as much as you can on the waxed paper.
3. Place a pinch of soil or compost in the center of the clay.
4. Place a seed or two on the soil.
5. Carefully fold the clay over the seeds and soil.
6. Roll it up and make a ball.
7. Let it dry in the air until it is hard.
8. When dry, you can throw it out any place you see that needs a plant.

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You can store your DRY seed bombs in a Ziploc bag. The clay protects the seed from getting eaten by a bird or small animal, and the soil or compost gives the seed what it needs to germinate.

For more information about pollinators in trouble, see:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/gardening.shtml>

<http://www.guerrillagardening.org/ggseedbombs.html>

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