

# How to Make a Seed Bomb

## introHow to Make a Seed Bomb

Do you hate those blank vacant lots on the side of road and city streets? Have you wanted to put a flower garden in one of those lots but have been afraid of being arrested? Do you not have the money to buy all those flower transplants? Is the lot just too hard to get into? And think of how many times you have seen a bare plot with nothing in it or a neglected flower bed that you just wished you could plant on? Well the seed bomb is just right for you. The seed bomb is cheap compared to buying transplants, is natural and organic, easy to make, pocket sized, and you can easily cover a large area with seed bombs in a very short time. The seed bomb is also a great weapon in the guerrilla gardeners arsenal when the guerrilla gardener needs to quickly get the job done.

### step 1Materials

All materials in this instructable are cheap, easy to find, and are natural and organic.

Crayola air dry clay (can use dried red clay), and is found in walmart for about \$5.00

Water

Tough Flower seeds such as baby's breath, sunflower, and forget me not.

compost or worm castings

yogurt container top or any large flat surface

Clay from a dried riverbed (Red or Brown)

For the dried red clay mix 5 parts clay with 1 part compost and 1 part flower seeds, put some careful drops of water into the mixture(make sure not to make it into a goopy sloppy mess!), Knead with hands into a ball, flatten it out and cut to desired size. Now just make into a small ball and let it dry in the sun. Now you have a red clay seed bomb.

### step 2Cutting

Cut a very thin piece of the clay

Tip: (The thinner you make it the easier you can press it down and shape it into a ball)

### step 3Cutting (Continued)

Press down on a large flat surface (making it not paper thin but not as thick as a book)

Cut to about 2 and a half inches wide and 2 inches high

### **step 4 Adding the compost**

Sprinkle the finest compost onto the clay and the more compost you put on the better the chance the seeds will germinate)

### **step 5 Adding Seeds**

Add about 2 seeds to the mixture (depending on the quality you think the seeds are)

### **step 6 Adding the Water**

BE CAREFUL ON HOW MUCH WATER YOU ADD!

Add just a few drops or it will become a sloppy mess that's almost impossible to take off! The water will also help the compost stay inside the seed bomb

### **step 7 Making Into a Seed Bomb**

THIS IS GOING TO BE DIRTY!

Scrape off with your fingers the clay and roll into a ball and make sure you don't let the seeds go out of the seed bomb!

### **step 8 Adding More Compost**

To have a better chance of your plant in your seed bomb of growing put your seed bomb into a pot of compost and rub the compost in and take it out and rub it in again. You can keep repeating this process till about the 5th rubbing then you have most likely covered the seed bomb with the compost.

### **step 9 Your Finished**

Now just let your seed bomb air dry and your finished. You can fit about 9 seed bombs or more in one pocket (estimated from size 12 boys blue jeans) and if you multiply that by how many pockets you have in your pants, jacket, and even hat plus the number of people you bring with you then you have a lot of area you can cover with your seed bombs! Now throw your seed bombs of change into any vacant lot, neglected flower bed, or bare lot and don't forget to water your new brand new guerrilla garden!

Going by the comments, a lot of people don't understand how these things work. Of course, the instructions don't explain it either.

The clay is there to protect seeds from being eaten, especially by birds. Birds won't eat things covered with clay or clay dust. So alternatives like papier mache wouldn't work (and would possibly be more expensive.)

The seed bombs shouldn't break open. In fact they should stay relatively intact even after they have been wet by rain a few times. That way the seeds stay protected and moist. When the seeds germinate, they will break through the clay.

They seeds don't need water right away. They will stay dormant until rain comes. If the seeds are the right for the area, then they will do fine. Of course, not every single seed will sprout.

But the comment about using plants that are native to the area is an important one. Buy seed mixtures of native flowers and plants. Not only will they grow well, they will not crowd out other plants, disrupt bird and insect populations, or do other environmental damage.