

## ***How to Make A Seed Bomb - 2 methods!***

### **The Paper Mache Method**

For these homemade seed bombs, seeds are wrapped in moistened, reconstituted paper. Include some colorful construction paper!



### **Materials:**

- Several pieces of construction paper, recycled paper, or old newspaper
- Seed mix
- Compost (optional)
- Food processor

### **Instructions to make paper mache seed bombs**

Step 1: Begin by cutting your construction paper or recycled paper into 1 inch by 1 inch segments. Then place your segments into a small dish and cover them with water. If you choose to, place different colors in their own bowls. Soak them for about 20 to 30 minutes.

Step 2: Wring out the paper lightly and pulse the soaked paper in a food processor.

Step 3: Then return paper to the small bowls and sprinkle in some of your seed mix. Add compost if you've chosen to use it.

Step 4: If the recycled paper pulp is too dry to form into balls, sprinkle bits of water in until it can be formed. Then roll them into balls, and voila! You have fun, vibrantly-colored seed balls. Let them dry and harden over 24 to 48 hours before using.

Info from

<https://woodlarkblog.com/egg-wildflower-seed-bombs/>

<https://www.epicgardening.com/how-to-make-seed-bombs/>

## The Explosive Egg Method

### Materials:

- native wildflower seeds
- eggshells
- organic potting soil/compost
- unbleached tissue paper
- diluted glue that is non-toxic and biodegradable

### Instructions to make eggshell seed bombs

Step 1: Use a spoon to gently crack open the tip of each egg. Use a chopstick or toothpick to break up the yolk then empty the egg into a clean jar so that it can be stored in the fridge and eaten. Wash the eggshell out with hot water and dry completely. Place your eggshells inside of an egg carton.

Step 2: Use paper to create a funnel and fill the eggshell halfway with an organic potting soil and/or compost. Add a few teaspoons of native wildflower seeds. Fill the remainder of the egg with more soil. It isn't necessary to fill the egg completely, but you want to make sure that you are adding a good amount of seeds.



Step 3: Use a brush to add glue around the opening and seal the hole with a small piece of tissue paper. (optional)



**Importance of Native Plants:** Native plants are those plants which occur naturally in a region. Some native plants have roots that extend downward to more than 10 feet that allow them to absorb moisture during dry periods and survive periodic fires. They also support pollinators and local wildlife, including bees, butterflies, amphibians, reptiles and mammals.

**Myth:** Native varieties of plants are not as pretty as the non-native varieties.

**Truth:** Native plants are just as pretty and bring in more native insects like butterflies.

**Myth:** Native plants are hard to find.

**Truth:** There are many native plant nurseries and information guides that can be found

**Where to find native plant seeds:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/228236341113045/>

<https://www.opnseed.com/>

<https://lickingswcd.com/>

<https://www.ohionativeplantmonth.org/native-plant-sources>

**How to use your wildflower seed bombs**

It is best to plant in early spring or during autumn, but you can plant in summer. Try to time it before rain is forecast. Simply toss the seed bombs into hard to reach areas or crush the entire egg in your hand and add to your garden bed. Wait a few weeks after a good rainfall for them to sprout. If using them in your garden, watering them frequently for a few weeks will speed up the process.