

# Seed Balls for Pollinators



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Will make about 36 Seed Balls

## Materials:

- 5 cups potting soil
- 2 cups pottery clay
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup pollinator seeds
- 1 large tub to mix the ingredients
- 1 dry measuring cup
- 1 liquid measuring cup
- Latex Free Gloves

## Instructions:

1. Lay out all the materials in a way that students can reach everything and help.
2. Using the large tub, help students mix the soil, clay and water well so that there are no lumps.
3. Mix until the mixture has the consistency of modeling clay.
4. Next, ask the students to add the seeds to their mixture. Encourage students to examine the different seeds as they are mixing them in. Have the students knead the dough with their hands until the seeds are well mixed.
5. Instruct the students to make the seed balls about the size of a golf ball by taking some of the clay mixture and rolling it into a ball in their hands.
6. If storing: Place the seed balls in the box and let dry for 24-48 hours
7. If planting immediately: Plant the seed balls on bare ground by tossing them on top of the soil.

