



Seed Balls!

Make seed balls for a native garden that supports pollinators, improves water and habitat quality, and attracts predators of plants pests!

These compostable, natural balls of clay will hold seeds until they have stratified (overwintered) and scarified (softened or broken open) by holding the seeds until they break down in sun, air and weather. This will be messy.

Materials:

- Powdered Clay (you can find this at craft/art supply stores)
- Variety of native seeds from your area: milkweeds and native wildflowers if possible
- Compost/dirt
- Water

Instructions:

1. Mix clay, dirt and seeds well. (4 parts clay, 1 part dirt, 1 part seeds)
2. Slowly add water, a teaspoon at a time, and mix until a moist but not wet mud forms and can be pressed together. If you add too much water, add more clay to get the proper consistency.
3. Throw your seed ball into a sunny area OR plant it in a garden!

These directions were put together by the University of Minnesota Monarch Lab and adapted from various other activities.