Planting Wildflowers With Soil Marbles

Hillermann's Kids' Club



Play Ball!

An easy and fun way to scatter wildflower seed is to mix the following ingredients, roll it into balls, and pitch the balls into a sunny spot. Besides being fun to make and toss, the balls protect the seeds from hungry birds and from being washed away by heavy rains.

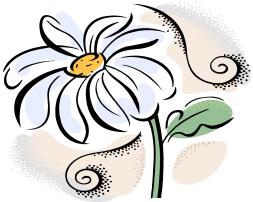
What you need:

- 5 parts of sticky soil
- 1 part dry humus or compost
- 1 part mixed wildflower seed
- 1 part water

With your hands, mix the above ingredients (Remember making mud pies? That's the consistency you're after) into small balls, each slightly larger than a marble. Let the seedballs dry for at least 24 to 48 hours, rotating them once halfway through so that all surfaces dry evenly. Toss the seedballs randomly over a sunny spot that has been mowed or tilled and raked smooth. Now, let nature take its course: Rain will "melt" the clay and the seeds will germinate and take root, growing into colorful blooms.

Enjoy!!





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