SEED BOMBING

Why you should do it:

Seed bombing is a planting technique that consists of simple throwing or dropping compressed bundles of soil containing live vegetation. Often, these "bombings" are done when the area is off-limit or inapproachable. Other term for this is "guerrilla gardening".

Seed bombing is a convenient way of "planting" from your bicycle, car window or while passing on foot and it is best done in spring and autumn, and during heavy rainfall.

Steps:

In order to make this action as efficient as possible, there are certain steps that should be considered.

1. Make sure you choose your seeds according to the season and to the sun exposure. Here are the best flowers for seed bombing:
- for sunny areas: annual meadow flowers including poppies, cornflower, marigold; Californian poppies; cosmos; hollyhocks; nigella; verbena bonariensis; viper's bugloss.
- for shady areas: -woodland seed mix; foxgloves, tobacco plant, honesty.

Time:
30 minutes for preparation and execution

2. Prepare the ingredients. You will need the following:
- Flower seed
- Potter's clay powder, from any craft shop
- Peat-free compost
- Water
- A bowl
- A baking tray

3. Build the seed bomb. Mix the seed, clay, and compost together in a bowl to a ratio of three handfuls of clay, five handfuls of compost and one handful of seed. Then carefully add water slowly and gradually (you don't want it too gloopy), mix it all together until you get a consistency that you can form into truffle-sized balls. Lay them out to bake dry on a sunny window-sill for at least three hours.

Find out more!

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