

Helping Nature at Home

Making a Mini Meadow – a great way to increase the flowers on offer to pollinators in your garden without taking up lots of space



What you will need:

- A container or large plant pot
- Gravel or fine stones
- Wildflower Seeds
- Soil or compost
- Water and watering can

Instructions:

1. Take your plant pot and container and place it in a sunny spot in your garden. If you have more than one pot, then you can create multiple mini meadows in your garden. Make sure your container has drainage holes in the bottom as this will prevent the soil becoming waterlogged.
2. Either in the pot or in a separate container make a mix of soil and gravel. Ideally 1/5th should be gravel to improve drainage. Fill your plant pot or container with this soil/gravel mix leaving a few centimetres free from the top of the pot.
3. Sprinkle the surface of the soil with water to make it moist/damp but not wet.
4. Taking your seeds lightly sow them across the surface of the soil.
5. Next leave your seeds to germinate, which depending on the seeds you choose can take between 2 weeks to a month. You can either do this outside but if you have the space inside you could leave them to germinate on a warm windowsill or inside a greenhouse. It is important to leave them in a place that they will get plenty of light.
6. Check on your seeds at least once a week and keep the soil moist whilst they germinate. You may need to increase watering once seedlings appear and as the plants grow.
7. Wildflowers grow best in nutrient poor soil so avoid the use of fertiliser.