

ONE way to Winter Sow you Native Seeds

Loess Hills Wild Ones

Here are some step by step tips so YOU can do this-- from home!

Supplies: A clean gallon jug, Scissors, Permanent marker, Dampened soil, Native seeds, Twist ties or Duct Tape. Optional are a hot glue gun, an exacto knife, a drill, a mug, sprayer.

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Step 1. Make four small holes in the bottom of the jug by either using exacto, scissors, burning with hot glue gun, whatever you have that works for you!

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Step 2. Rest a marker on the mug, and 'spin mark' your jug so that you leave at least 2 inches of space for the "Hinge" of the jug. (arrows)

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Step 3. Cut, Open and Fill the base of the jug with well dampened soil, lightly tamping down the soil.

Step 4. Not shown-Sow the seeds over the surface of the soil. Less is more!

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Step 5. Mist the surface with water.

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Step 6. Put a label inside. This can be the top of the container, written on with a permanent marker. Also label the outside in several locations!

Step 7. Close the jug. You can tuck the top into the bottom slightly. Secure the seam with duct tape or alternately add holes to join the top to the bottom with a twist tie.

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Step 8. Place the uncovered, (lidless) jug in a shady area that gets moisture from rain or snow.

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Step 9. Check for moisture now and then if it has not rained or snowed in a while, and spray mist or drip water through the hole if more moisture is needed. Step 10. When seeds start to sprout, make sure they stay moist! You can either leave them to plant directly in Spring after the last frost, or separate them and up-pot into bigger containers.

Tom got 20 milk jugs planted just in time for the snow.

We will cover Sprout Care in detail-- towards Spring!