

Make a Mini Meadow

A wildflower meadow is a brilliant habitat for so many small creatures. Pollinators like bees, butterflies, moths, flies and beetles will visit the flowers to enjoy the nectar, while lots of other bugs and small mammals will live in the grass too.

What you'll need:



Rake



Packet of "fine grass seed" (not rye grass as it grows too quickly)



Packet of native wildflower seeds



String



Scissors



Four sticks

How to make your meadow:

Step 1:

Prepare the ground where you want your meadow to be. Clear out all the grass and weeds, taking out as much as you can. Rake your patch over so that the soil is bare.



Step 2:

Mix the two packets of seed together. Sprinkle evenly over the ground, covering the patch you have raked and going all the way to the corners and edges.

Step 3:

Carefully tread over the ground where you have just sown your seeds to press them into the soil.



Step 4:

Lightly sprinkle water onto your meadow, being gentle so that the seeds don't wash away. Water again after hot days.



Step 5:

Put sticks in each corner of your patch. Tie string between the sticks to remind yourself and others where you have planted your meadow and stop people walking on it.



Step 6:

Once your wildflowers have grown, sit and watch to see who visits! You could do a bug survey and keep a tally of your visitors.

