



# Bird Seed Wreath

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## Video instructions

For Making The Bird Seed Wreath

[Instructions on the CGC Website](#)



# Welcome to Winter Sowing!

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**Winter Sowers – The Original**

# The Advantages of Winter Sowing

- It is simple, efficient and inexpensive
- No leggy seedlings – they are strong
- They are ready to plant whenever they are 1" to 3" or 2 sets of real leaves.
- The container protects the seeds and prevents them from weather or wildlife.
- Winter sowing starts on or after the Winter Solstice, that's Dec. 21. We WS after that.



# Containers

- We are using milk or water jugs -- no caps
- The jugs are cut around to the handle to make a hinge
- We also punch plenty of drain holes in the sides and bottom
- The jugs are watered, labeled and taped together



**Your Winter Sowing Containers Should Hold At Least 3" Or More Of Moistened Potting Soil. 4" Or More Is Better Because More Potting Soil Depth Helps Retain Moisture.**



We are using ProMix  
Approx. 2 quarts of soil in each  
jug



**Use potting soil  
- not seed  
starting mix**

# What seeds work best for winter sowing?

- 1. Perennials**
- 2. Cool Season vegetables**
- 3. Hardy Annuals (survive light frost)**

Lists are in the Camelot Garden Club website – click on the Resources/ Seasonal Tips

<https://www.camelotgardenclub.org/general-5-3>





## What is Cold Stratification?

**Cold stratification is a seed treatment process that simulates natural winter conditions to break a seed's dormancy.**

In nature, many seeds fall to the ground in the fall and must experience a period of cold and moisture before they will germinate in the spring.

# Winter Sowing in Jugs



Collect and wash translucent jugs. Discard jug cap.



Put at least 4" of moist potting soil mix in bottom of jug.



Open jug in Spring after seeds sprout and danger of frost ends.



Make 4 – 6 drainage holes in bottom of jug.



Scatter seeds on top of potting soil and press seeds into soil to make contact.



Transplant when seedlings are at least 2" tall.



Cut jug in half leaving a hinge.



Tape jug together.



Label jug with a weather resistant marker.



Set jugs outside where rain or snow can enter top. Water if needed.

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**What is Winter Sowing?**  
Winter sowing is a method of starting seeds outdoors in winter in an enclosed container, allowing them to germinate in spring.

Winter Sowing is a great way to grow your own plants from seed. The only seeds that can't be winter sown are tropical seeds.

**Winter Sowers Group by Wintersown Educational**

# Mark your containers!!!



- Use water-proof marker. Garden Marker
- Label on the outside and on the inside
- If you have several containers, you can number them and create a list.
- You don't want any mystery containers.

## Place containers in a sunny area

- Make sure they are not under cover so they can get rain and snow.
- If it is a particularly dry season, mist the containers.



***Winter Sown containers***  
***stay OUTSIDE***  
***All WINTER LONG til***  
***transplant!***

**Cut the seeds  
in a “hunk”  
like you are  
cutting  
brownies**

**WHEN DO YOU  
TRANSPLANT YOUR  
WINTER SOWN  
SEEDLINGS?**

**WHEN THEY HAVE 2 SETS OF  
“REAL” LEAVES OR WHEN THEY  
ARE 1” OR 2” TALL.**

**WHEN IN DOUBT, USE THE  
SEEDLING’S HEIGHT.**

**YOU DON’T WAIT FOR YOUR  
LOCATION’S LAST FROST DATE TO  
TRANSPLANT SEEDLINGS.**



# **Plant and Enjoy!**

All materials are on the CGC website – Resources – Seasonal tips