

HOW TO START WILDFLOWERS FROM SEED – THE SUREST WAY

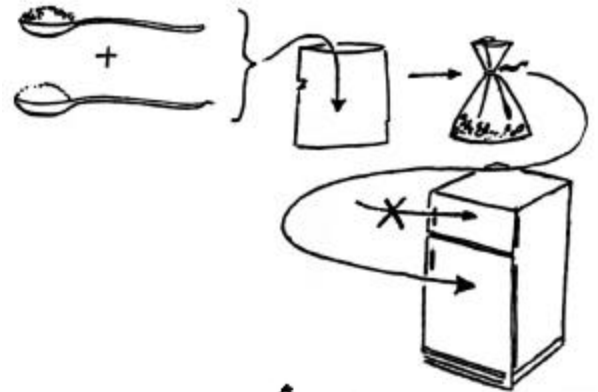
1. Storage

- ✓ purchase seed from a reliable dealer or collect when seed is fully ripe
- ✓ put seed in a clean, dry, airtight jar
- ✓ label
- ✓ store in a cool dry place



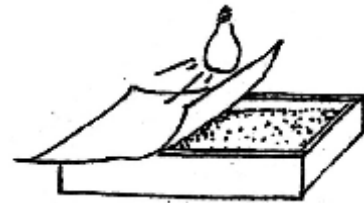
2. Cold Treatment (stratification)

- ✓ mix one part of clean dry seed with one part of clean moist sand
- ✓ put seed and sand mixture into a clean plastic bag
- ✓ seal and label plastic bag
- ✓ put plastic bag into the refrigerator, not the freezer
- ✓ leave the plastic bag in the refrigerator for 4 to 8 weeks



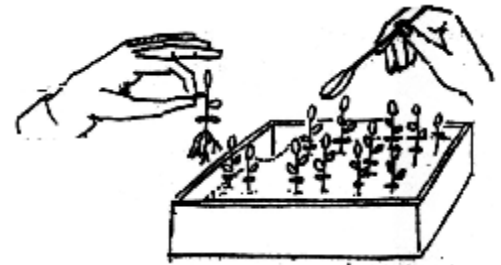
3. Germination

- ✓ remove seed/sand mixture from refrigerator
- ✓ spread immediately on sterile potting soil in a clean flat
- ✓ cover lightly with more soil
- ✓ water gently
- ✓ cover flat with sheet of paper; put close to a light indoors or in sunlight outdoors – keep evenly moist



4. Transplanting

- ✓ wait until seedlings have 3-4 true leaves
- ✓ carefully dig seedlings out of flat without disturbing roots
- ✓ plant outdoors in the evening or on a cloudy day



5. Early Care

- ✓ provide newly transplanted seedling with shade, protection from the wind and an even amount of moisture
- ✓ take especially good care of the new seedling for 1-2 weeks



6. Schedule

- ✓ cold treatment: March 15 - May 15
- ✓ Germination: May 15 - June 15
- ✓ Transplanting: June 15

