



#### SEED TYPES IN KIT

ZINNIA  
MARIGOLD  
FENNEL



# POLLINATOR GARDEN SEED KIT

## SUPPLIES IN YOUR KIT:

- 1 zinnia seed envelope - labeled Z
- 1 marigold seed envelope - labeled M
- 1 fennel seed envelope - labeled F
- 3 peat pellets
- 3 popsicle stick plant labels
  
- 1 stages of germination bookmark (including link to these instructions and 1 coupon for free admission to the Crystal Bridge Conservatory)

## ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Water
- A plastic tray or shallow dish
- A sunny area or windowsill
- Optional: camera to document your seeds growing



## INSTRUCTIONS:

You can use the basic instructions below or check out our instructional video that includes some more tips and tricks.

### STEP 1 - PREPARE YOUR SUPPLIES

Write out your plant labels with the name of the seeds on one side and the date on the other. Make sure to keep the name and date written close to one end of the label so that when you stick the other end in the soil later, you can still read what you wrote.

### STEP 2 - PREPARE YOUR SOIL

Find a plastic tray or shallow dish that will be able to hold water and the 3 peat pellets. Place the peat pellets in the dish and pour water over it, enough to fully cover the pellets. Wait a few minutes and the pellets should expand upward, creating small soil containers with thin netting to hold it together. These are your pots!

### STEP 3 - PLANT YOUR SEEDS

Taking 1 seed at a time, place it in the small hole at the top of the pot, pressing it down about ¼ inch into the soil. Make sure you label the soil pots correctly with your labels based on what seed you planted where.

### STEP 4 - WATER DURING GERMINATION

You want the seed and the soil to be nicely damp but not swimming in water. During the first 10 days, keep the seed moist at all times. The water is necessary for germination.

### STEP 5 - CARE AFTER GERMINATION

Place your dish in a sunny place inside. Once sprouts appear, continue to keep the soil moist but be careful not to overwater. Once sturdy plants appear, water as needed.

### STEP 6 - TRANSPLANTING

A plant's first two leaves are called the cotyledons (kah-tuh-lee-duns), or 'false leaves'. After one or two sets of true leaves emerge, it's time to transplant! The peat pots and peat pellets are biodegradable, meaning you are able to plant them directly in the soil, or into a bigger pot. Help give the plant some room by breaking up the peat pot before you place it in its new location.