

JARMINATION

Milkweed Seed Germination in a Jar

Materials

- Cellophane Sheets with Butterfly Holes
- Ball Regular Mouth Canning Jar 8 oz.
- Tablespoon Measuring Spoon
- Potting & Planting Soil
- Seedling Heat Mat
- Milkweed Seeds
- Coconut Coir
- Container

Method / Process

1. Clip the Milkweed Seeds if appropriate. See blog on Clipping.
2. Add water to a container and soak seeds 24 hrs or longer.
3. Remove the jar's lid. Add soil. Sprinkle milkweed seeds on the surface of the soil.
4. Add four tablespoons of water over the seeds.
5. Sprinkle a pinch of Coconut Coir, soil, dust or sand evenly over the wet seeds.
6. Place one 6x6 Cellophane Sheet over the jar with the butterfly hole centered. Put the ring of the jar's lid back on.
7. Place the jar on a sunny window sill. Watch your milkweed grow.

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A Guide to Germinating Milkweed Seeds in a Jar

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Introduction

I refer to germinating milkweed seeds in a jar as jarmination. Like all good ideas, jarmination has been adapted from someone else's good idea. This jarmination guide will help you germinate seeds in the genus *Asclepias*. If you are looking for a consistent, predictable and reliable method to start milkweed. You will enjoy the process and insights presented in this guide. Special thanks to my wonderful wife Ashley for gifting me the Organic Lavender Windowsill Planter from [Back to the Roots](#) which inspired the jarmination technique.

Overview

Jarmination is a very specific process that requires specialized materials. Following each step without deviating from the process is highly recommended. This guide is just one of many possible ways to germinate *Asclepias* seeds. Other methods of propagating *Asclepias* from seed are natural dispersion, Cold Moist Stratification (CMS), water germination, winter sowing and direct sowing.

Do clip (always optional): *Asclepias syriaca*, *Asclepias speciosa*, *Asclepias arenaria*, *Asclepias latifolia*, *Asclepias californica*, *Asclepias vestita*, *Asclepias cordifolia*, *Asclepias purpurascens*, *Asclepias texana*

Do not clip: *Asclepias incarnata*, *Asclepias fascicularis*, *Asclepias verticillata*, *Asclepias subverticillata*, *Asclepias angustifolia*, *Asclepias tuberosa*, *Asclepias erosa*, *Asclepias hallii*, *Asclepias ovalifolia*, *Asclepias linaria*, *Asclepias involucrata*, *Asclepias perennis*, *Asclepias engelmanniana*, *Asclepias subulata*, *Asclepias oenotheroides*

Unknown: everything else

Examples

