

## Soil Gathering in a Sacred Manner

Okay, so you've made your paho. No? That's okay, there's something else you can do. Walk around and find a crystal you adore and some corn meal or tobacco. Yeah. That's it until we get to where we're gonna gather soil.

So you need to take with you your paho/crystal, some small pots that the seeds will go in, and then a spade to put the dirt in.

Take all of this to your place of gathering, at some point after 12 pm today, but before sunrise. When you get there (could just be your back yard), you want to "plant your offering". Meaning put it where you are called to gather. A feather can be hung or stuck in rocks. Anything else goes on the ground itself. For the crystal offering, you will place the crystal on the ground, and then draw a circle around it with the cornmeal or the tobacco.

Pray: Sacred Changing Mother, everyday your beauty touches me, and I feel your love. Wherever I go, there you are beneath my feet supporting me. I remember the lessons of balance and I am grateful for the abundance in my life. I open my heart to your voice and listen. I ask permission to gather your sacred soil, that my spirit may grow with the plants of sustenance I will nurture this season into abundant harvest. Aho!

Now watch for a sign... bird, animal, bug... breeze from no where. When you have it, gather your soil, putting enough in each pot to fill to 3/4 of the way full. Pack up and go home.

Once at home, these little pots need to be loved for three days. Each morning until the 10 you will will sprinkle a little corn meal or tobacco on the dirt and pray. Keep the pots in a warm, sunny window if you can. Back home we actually put them on the hearth to warm the soil.

Prayer every morning: Offering pollen, we are blessed. We ask Spirit to guide us in a way we will clearly understand, so that we may serve ourselves and others in a good and right way. Thank you. Aho!

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For planting on the 10th I'll be using the three sisters. This is standard in

our tradition. Each little pot will need a bean, a corn and a squash seed. So if you don't have these, you will want to get some before the 10th. You don't have to plant these, but these are definitely life abundance producers and our spiritual growth has always been tied to them. When I lived in an apartment, we grew four pots, and kept putting the plants in bigger pots, but they always stayed together and did well on our balcony.

To learn these ways, and other ways of earth you can check into our new Ranch Internship, which will be 10 am - 4 pm on Tuesdays starting in April. <https://www.yraceburu.org/ranch-intern.html>. We will also be addressing waterways, harvest, processing of herbs, essence oil creation and so much more. Violet Greenone will be helping with some of the wildcrafting and indigenous things we have growing here as she can on periodic weekends.

Moon Lodge this Saturday 6-9 pm. Ritual and fun.