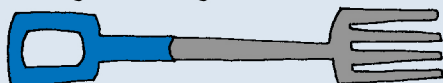


How to make simple compost



You will need

- A compost bin, with a lid*
- A well-drained, easy to access area
- Green compostable ingredients
- Brown materials, like straw and scrunched-up paper
- A gardening fork



Compost worms are brilliant recyclers so put them to use on your green waste. The finished compost will enrich your garden soil, benefiting even more earthworms! This rich soil also boosts flowers, veggies and other plants.



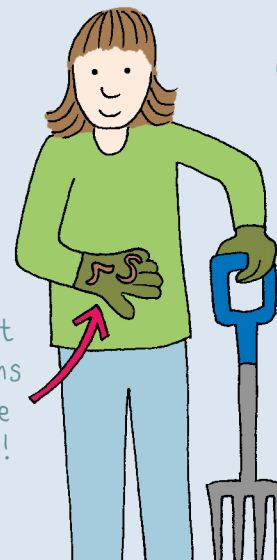
- 1 Carefully make holes in the base of your bin if it doesn't have any. Then place it on or close to bare soil to let worms wiggle in.



- 2 Start putting stuff in... mix brown materials, like straw and paper, with nitrogen-rich ones like veggies and tea bags.

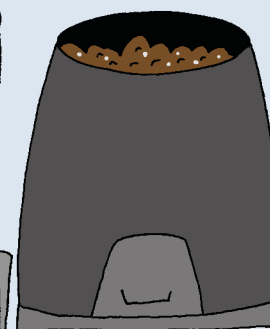


Check out the worms that have moved in!

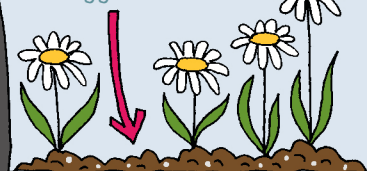


- 3 Stick a fork in and turn over the contents of the bin (ideally once a month) to let more air in. The more you turn it, the quicker you make compost.

- 4 It can take from six months to two years, but when it's ready you'll find rich, dark, fabulous compost. Use it!



Don't worry if there are lumps, bumps and bits of eggshells.



tea leaves



raw fruit and veg peelings



grass cuttings



straw



scrunched newspaper



soft prunings & dead plants



coffee grounds



woody stems



cooked food scraps



cat or dog poo



meat or bones



weed seedheads



perennial weed roots



diseased plants

*An old recycling tub or a smaller ready-made compost bin (recycled plastic ones are available) could save space.