



WORM BIN

Composting in the classroom is easy as 1, 2, 3! Use this guide to make your own worm bin to compost fruit and vegetable scraps.

MATERIALS

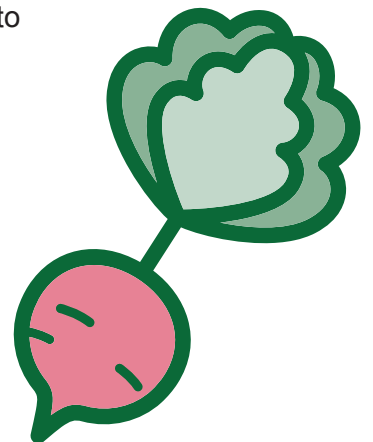
- Two 10-14 gallon dark plastic storage bins
- Drill and small drill bit (1/8", 3mm)
- Shredded soy ink newspaper
- 2 bricks or blocks of wood
- Finished compost
- Red wiggler composting worms



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wash and dry the storage bin and lid. Drill drainage holes in the lowest part of the bottom of the bin. Drill holes along the sides of the bin 2 inches from the top.
2. Set your worm bin on top of the bricks or wood to raise it off the ground. Use the spare lid to catch any excess water that drains from your bin. This "compost tea" is a great nutrient boost for your garden!
3. Moisten the shredded newspaper with a spray bottle before adding it to the bin. Add enough finished compost until the bin is 1/3 full.
4. Now that you have built your worm bin composter, let the bedding sit for a few days before adding your new classroom pets! Purchase your vermicomposting red wiggler worms from a reputable source. Read the book "Worms Eat My Garbage" with your class to learn all about composting with worms.

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