



Make your own compost bin!

Reuse your food scraps to make nutrient rich soil for your plants at home! Use the instructions below to collect materials and make your own compost!



Directions:

1. Have a grown up help cut the top off of the bottle using a sharp knife or scissors. Save the top for later.
2. Use a nail or drill to poke holes in the bottom and sides of the bottle. The holes will allow for drainage and airflow.
3. Layer greens, browns, and dirt inside the bottle.
4. Put the top back on the bottle upside down to use as a funnel. You could also leave the top off and just cover with a towel.
5. Place the container on a plate. This will keep the contents from leaking onto your table.
6. Pour just enough water in the container to keep the contents moist (do not overwater).
7. Place the container in a warm location.

Materials:

- 1 empty two liter plastic bottle or container of your choice.
- 1 plate
- Greens such as fruit or vegetable peels, house plant trimmings, used coffee grounds, egg shells, etc.
- Browns such as dried leaves or grass, shredded paper, paper egg cartons, etc.
- Dirt—not potting soil!
- Nail or drill for adding holes to container
- Sharp knife or scissors
- Towel (if desired)

Remember to keep your compost warm and moist in the container. Mix the compost every couple of days. After a few weeks you will have nutrient rich compost for your plants. **What will you grow?**