

MAKE YOUR OWN MINI COMPOST!

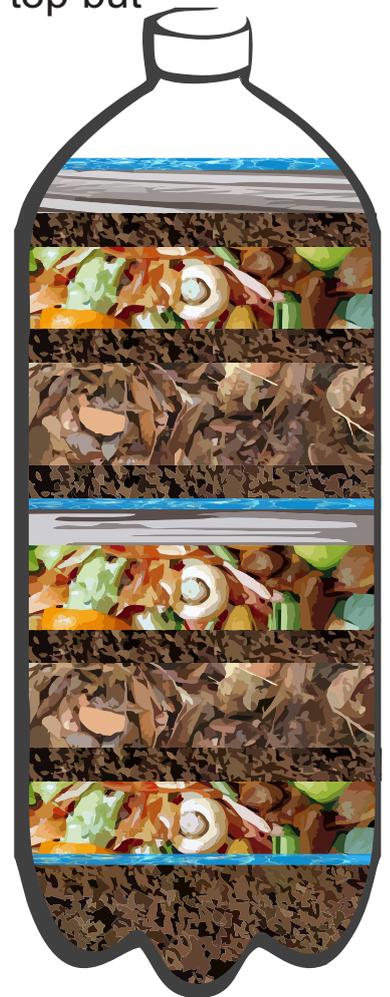
What you'll need:

- A large glass jar or 2L plastic bottle
- Dry leaves and grass
- Vegetable and fruit scraps
- Soil
- Stanley knife & tape (if using bottle)
- Spray bottle
- Permanent marker
- Newspaper
- Gloves
- An area where you can make a bit of mess

How to do it:

- If using a bottle, use the stanley knife to cut around the top but leave a 2cm hinge (make it big enough to fit your items in)
- Once your jar/bottle is ready place your items in this order:
 - Soil - 3cm
 - Water - light spray
 - Fruit and vegetable scraps - 2 cm
 - Soil - 1cm
 - Dry leaves and grass - 2cm
 - Soil - 1cm
 - Fruit and vegetable scraps - 2 cm
 - Newspaper - 1cm
 - Water - light spray
 - Soil - 1cm
 - Dry leaves and grass - 2cm
 - Soil - 1cm
 - Fruit and vegetable scraps - 2 cm
 - Soil - 1cm
 - Newspaper - 1cm
 - Water - light spray
- Once full, tape your bottle back up and get ready to watch the magic happen!

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Your very own compost at work!

Over the next 3-4 weeks you'll see a lot of changes happening in your bottle. Using your marker, draw a line where your compost started. Over the next few weeks keep marking the top of your compost. What do you think is going to happen? If you said the line will move down - you are right! When you put your soil in, it wasn't only dirt that went into your bottle. In that soil lives little microorganisms, who are the main driver in the process of making compost!

Tips

Try keep your compost in a sunny area!

Make sure once a week you remove the lid of your bottle or jar, this will help the rotting process.

If your compost looks dry, spray it a little. If it looks too wet, take the lid off for a little while.

Doing your bit!

Composting is not only a fun experiment, but a great way to reduce your ecological footprint! Over 40% of our weekly general waste bin is food waste - a lot of this being compostable!

By having your own compost, you won't be sending your food scraps off to landfill and will be helping to 'close the loop'. Imagine having a veggie garden, using those veggies, putting the scraps into your compost and then putting that compost back onto your garden!

That is what we call a closed loop.

