

Why Would You Want To Make A Worm Bin?

There are a lot of great reasons to make a worm bin. First of all, worms are really exciting little creatures. Vermicomposting is the perfect way to dispose of kitchen and garden scraps without banishing them to a landfill. Worm bins reduce your household food waste and transform it into composted dirt. And, worm bins save you money on dirt! The dirt that comes out of a worm bin is very enriching for both your indoor plants and it can be used outside in the garden.

Materials needed to make a worm bin

The absolute best part about making a worm bin is how easy it is. In fact, you probably already have all of the materials you need to make a worm bin!

- One 18 gallon rubber bin & two lids (One for the top and one to put underneath to catch worm swamp)
- Shredded newspaper
- A piece of cardboard that fits the bottom of the bin
- Drill w/a 1/4 inch drill bit
- A bottle of water
- 1/4-1/2 cup of worms (Red wigglers, either store bought or from your farm)
- A quart of soil
- Kitchen/Garden scraps

Steps For Constructing Your Worm Bin

Now that you got your supplies ready, lets get dirty.

1. Drill some holes in your rubber bin. Basically you can drill the holes anywhere you want, a few on the sides and the bottom of the bin. These holes are for drainage and ventilation, so place about 20 or so in total and your worms should be happy.
2. Place the cardboard on the bottom of your worm bin
3. Fill the bin with newspaper scraps
4. Get the newspaper moist . This is an important step! Worms are really picky about their environment. To make sure the paper isn't

too wet or too dry, you can soak it in a bucket and then ring it out when you put it in. And fluff it up like a fancy worm pillow.

5. Add the worms – if you're buying worms, get red wigglers
6. Add The soil –soil is important because it adds a lot of microbes that are vital to the composting process.
7. Add food scraps or garden clippings
8. Cover it up and put it on top of another lid to catch any leaky soil and stuff.

Voila! Worm bin is complete. How are you planning on making your worm bin? For those of you that already have a worm bin, [what have some of your biggest problems been?](#)