

How to Make a Worm Farm

Supplies Needed:

- Empty two-liter pop bottle
- Exacto knife
- Dirt
- Small shovel
- Sand
- Grass clippings
- Kitchen compost (apple peelings, etc.)
- Worms

Directions:

1. Use the exacto knife to cut off the entire top of the pop bottle.
2. Then, go out to the garden and shovel a couple of inches of dirt into the plastic container. Pat the dirt down so the next layer of sand won't filter through. Be careful not to shake or jar the bottle or the sand and dirt will become mixed.
3. Add a thin layer of sand, and then continue with a couple of inches of dirt and another thin layer of sand. The top layer should be dirt. Leave an inch or two of space at the top of the bottle.
4. Add a few grass clippings on top of the last layer of dirt. The worms will need food. Have your child add a few pieces of fruits or vegetables in with the grass, such as apple or orange peelings.

For the most worm activity, place the worm farm in a dark place or tape a piece of paper around the worm farm to keep the light out. Worms do most of their work at night.

If you are lucky enough to have worms in your yard, dig for a few worms your worm farm. If you can't find any, go to your nearest bait shop and buy a small package of night crawlers.