

MAKING A WORMERY



Worms are amazing creatures and the most important for making fresh soil. Every single bit of soil in a park or garden has been through a worm at least once! They are both male and female so they can mate with any other one. Also, they don't have any eyes or ears, finding their way by touch!

You will need:

- 2 Litre plastic bottle
- Large plant pot filled with soil
- Black thick paper and tape
- Soft sand and chalk
- Dead Leaves
- Marker pen
- 10 Worms!



Step 1: Cut the bottom and top off your plastic bottle to make a tall cylinder. Once you have filled your pot with soil place the worms in.

Step 2: Place the cylinder on top of the soil and fill it with alternate layers of soil, crushed chalk and soft sand. Each layer should be about 1 inch deep.

Step 3: Mark the levels of each layer on the outside of the cylinder with the marker, then break the dead leaves into smallish pieces and scatter them on top.

Step 4: Keep the light out of the cylinder by wrapping the black card around it and sticking together, then place black card over the top.

Step 5: Keep everything damp and leave for several days in a cool place.

Result!

Remove the covering from your wormery after about a week. What do you notice? Record your observations in your nature diary and then carefully release your worms back where you found them so they can continue their good work, but be sure to make sure there are no hungry birds watching!

