



## Compost at Home!

*Learn how to make your own compost at home and use it to grow healthy plants!*

**Length:** 30 Minutes

**Difficulty:** Easy

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### Supplies You Will Need

- 1-2 liter plastic container with lid
- Screw driver
- Shredded newspaper
- Dirt or soil
- Dry leaves
- Water
- Compostable food waste

### ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

**(Parental Warning:** Participants will use a screw driver)

1. Clean all labels off of your plastic container.
2. With your screwdriver, carefully press small holes down one side of the container. Make each of these holes about 1 cm apart and all the way to the bottom.
3. Collect your shredded newspaper, dirt/soil, and dried leaves and place them in the container. There should be plenty of room for food waste to be added.
4. Shake and mix well.
5. Add some food waste (make sure not to add any animal or dairy products).
6. Add enough water to make everything a bit damp. Make sure to check and add water every day.
7. Close the lid and let the compost begin!
  - a. It is strongly recommended that you keep your compost outside!
8. Stir occasionally, about once a week.

### You will know your compost is ready to use as soil when:

- It is dark and crumbly
- It smells more like earth than gross old food
- You cannot recognize what any of the food waste originally was

